

1-1 By: Hunter (Senate Sponsor - Hegar) H.B. No. 2978
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2011;
1-3 May 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Select Committee on
1-4 Open Government; May 13, 2011, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 13, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the applicability of open meetings requirements to
1-9 certain meetings of the governing board of a county hospital or
1-10 county hospital authority.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 551.085(a), Government Code, is amended
1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 (a) This chapter does not require the governing board of a
1-15 municipal hospital, municipal hospital authority, county hospital,
1-16 county hospital authority, hospital district created under general
1-17 or special law, or nonprofit health maintenance organization
1-18 created under Section 534.101, Health and Safety Code, to conduct
1-19 an open meeting to deliberate:

1-20 (1) pricing or financial planning information
1-21 relating to a bid or negotiation for the arrangement or provision of
1-22 services or product lines to another person if disclosure of the
1-23 information would give advantage to competitors of the hospital,
1-24 hospital district, or nonprofit health maintenance organization;
1-25 or

1-26 (2) information relating to a proposed new service or
1-27 product line of the hospital, hospital district, or nonprofit
1-28 health maintenance organization before publicly announcing the
1-29 service or product line.

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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