

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 2457 (J. Davis of Harris/Jackson)

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H.R. No. 2691

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on House Bill 2457 (the Texas Enterprise
6 Fund and the Texas emerging technology fund) to consider and take
7 action on the following matters:

8 (1) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(1) and (2), are suspended
9 to permit the committee to change and omit text not in disagreement
10 in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.078(h-1), Government
11 Code, to read as follows:

12 (h-1) At least 14 days before the date the governor intends
13 to amend a grant agreement, the governor shall notify and provide a
14 copy of the proposed amendment to the speaker of the house of
15 representatives and the lieutenant governor.

16 Explanation: This change is necessary to remove the
17 requirement that the governor notify and provide a copy of a
18 proposed amendment to a grant agreement to the presiding officers
19 of the standing committees of both houses of the legislature with
20 primary jurisdiction over economic development.

21 (2) House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit
22 the committee to add text on a matter which is not included in
23 either the house or senate version of the bill, in SECTION 6 of the
24 bill, by adding the following subsections in added Section

1 490.0521, Government Code, to read as follows:

2 (b) All information obtained and maintained pursuant to
3 Subsection (a), including information derived from the financial
4 statements, is confidential and is not subject to disclosure under
5 Chapter 552, Government Code.

6 (c) The governor, on request or in the normal course of
7 official business, shall provide information that is confidential
8 under Subsection (b) to the Texas State Auditor's Office.

9 (d) This section does not affect release of information for
10 legislative purposes pursuant to Section 552.008, Government Code.

11 Explanation: This change is necessary to ensure that
12 information disclosed in the verified financial statement required
13 under Section 490.0521, Government Code, is considered
14 confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552,
15 Government Code, and will be, on request or in the normal course of
16 official business, provided by the governor to the Texas State
17 Auditor's Office. In addition, the change is necessary to clarify
18 that the section does not affect the release of information for
19 legislative purposes.