

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 2457

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S.R. No. 1256

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 2457 (the Texas Enterprise Fund and the Texas emerging technology fund) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) Senate Rules 12.03(1) and (2) are suspended to permit the committee to change and omit text not in disagreement in SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Section 481.078(h-1), Government Code, to read as follows:

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

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

(2) Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter which is not included in either the house or senate version of the bill, in SECTION 6 of the bill, by adding the following subsections in added Section 490.0521,

Government Code, to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate