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S.B. No. 1562

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the applicability of the public information law to  
3 certain nongovernmental entities involved in law enforcement and  
4 corrections.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 552, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 552.0039 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 552.0039. NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES SUBJECT TO  
9 CHAPTER. A nongovernmental entity is subject to this chapter in the  
10 same manner as a governmental body if:

11 (1) the entity's purpose is to represent individuals  
12 licensed under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code; and

13 (2) the entity receives money from a state agency.

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 351, Local Government  
15 Code, is amended by adding Section 351.105 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 351.105. INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PUBLIC INFORMATION  
17 LAW. A contract authorized by this subchapter between a county and  
18 a private organization must require that information collected,  
19 assembled, or maintained by the private organization operating  
20 under the contract be subject to Chapter 552, Government Code, to  
21 the extent that the information is related to a contract for the  
22 operation, maintenance, repair, or construction of a facility under  
23 this chapter.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.