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S.B. No. 1254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to transparency in economic development negotiations
3 involving a governmental body and a business prospect.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 552.305(d), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (d) If release of a person's proprietary information may be
8 subject to exception under Section 552.101, 552.110, or 552.113,
9 [~~or 552.131,~~] the governmental body that requests an attorney
10 general decision under Section 552.301 shall make a good faith
11 attempt to notify that person of the request for the attorney
12 general decision. Notice under this subsection must:

13 (1) be in writing and sent within a reasonable time not
14 later than the 10th business day after the date the governmental
15 body receives the request for the information; and

16 (2) include:

17 (A) a copy of the written request for the
18 information, if any, received by the governmental body; and

19 (B) a statement, in the form prescribed by the
20 attorney general, that the person is entitled to submit in writing
21 to the attorney general within a reasonable time not later than the
22 10th business day after the date the person receives the notice:

23 (i) each reason the person has as to why the
24 information should be withheld; and

1 (ii) a letter, memorandum, or brief in
2 support of that reason.

3 SECTION 2. Sections 551.087 and 552.131, Government Code,
4 are repealed.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.