**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

S.B. 78 adds Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) to the list of state entities eligible to receive used computers from the State of Texas. These computers will be available as a resource at CASA foster and group homes.

Access to computers for children involved with CASA:

* allows foster children to connect to all kinds of information and to become empowered and engaged;
* provides the opportunity for learning, bridging the digital divide, and giving children in foster care STEM learning opportunities through technology;
* helps foster children and youth stay on par with their classmates who have access to computers in their homes;
* and helps provide a sense of normalcy.

As proposed, S.B. 78 amends current law relating to the disposition of certain state surplus or salvage data processing equipment.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 2175.905(a), (b), and (c), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Includes Texas CASA for use in a foster home or foster group home in the list of organizations eligible to receive equipment if a disposition of a state agency's surplus or salvage data processing equipment is not made under Section 2175.184 (Transfer).

(b) to (c) Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.