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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| S.B. 79 |
| By: Nelson |
| Government Transparency & Operation |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties contend that governmental bodies other than political subdivisions should be authorized to comply with a public information request by referring a requestor to information already published online in the same way that political subdivisions are authorized to so comply. S.B. 79 seeks to provide for this authorization. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  S.B. 79 amends the Government Code to expand from a political subdivision to a governmental body the entities for which the public information officer is authorized to comply with a request for public information by referring a requestor to an exact Internet location or uniform resource locator (URL) on a website maintained by the entity. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |