

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The military base realignment and closure task force was created by the State of Texas to investigate the proper tactics, techniques, and procedures for securing the 15 Texas military installations from downsizing or closure. Data and information gathered by the task force could be detrimental to Texas bases if they were to be made public. The Texas Military Preparedness Commission of the Office of the Governor is supportive of this bill, as are the military installations in Texas.

Key Provision:

Any information written, produced, collected, assembled, or maintained by the task force is confidential and exempt from disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

S.B. 751 amends current law relating to the confidentiality of certain information of and the abolishment date of the military base realignment and closure task force.

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 Section 436.105, Government Code, by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d), as follows:

(c-1) Provides that any information written, produced, collected, assembled, or maintained by or for the military base realignment and closure task force (task force) is confidential and exempt from disclosure under Chapter 552 (Public Information) only during the task force's existence.

(d) Provides that the task force is abolished and this section expires September 1, 2021, rather than September 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 436, Government Code, by adding Section 436.1051, as follows:

Sec. 436.1051. MILITARY BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE TASK FORCE; PRESERVATION OF INFORMATION. (a) Requires the task force, on the task force's abolishment, to transfer all information written, produced, collected, assembled, or maintained by or for the task force to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC) and requires TMPC to maintain the information.

(b) Provides that any information transferred to TMPC under Subsection (a) is public information subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2017.