

1-1 By: Howard (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 630
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 6, 2017;
1-3 April 19, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Business & Commerce; May 3, 2017, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the Internet broadcast and archiving of open meetings
1-20 of the Health and Human Services Commission, health and human
1-21 services agencies, and related advisory entities.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section [531.0121](#), Government Code, is amended by
1-24 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
1-25 follows:

1-26 (c) The commission shall make available on the commission's
1-27 Internet website:

1-28 (1) the master calendar;

1-29 (2) all meeting materials for an advisory committee
1-30 meeting; and

1-31 (3) streaming live video and audio of each advisory
1-32 committee meeting.

1-33 (e) The commission shall ensure that advisory committee
1-34 meetings are broadcast, are archived on the Internet website of the
1-35 agency to which the advisory committee provides advice, and are
1-36 subject to public notice requirements to the same extent and in the
1-37 same manner that the broadcast, archiving, and notice of agency
1-38 meetings are required under Section 531.0165.

1-39 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter [531](#), Government Code, is
1-40 amended by adding Section 531.0165 to read as follows:

1-41 Sec. 531.0165. INTERNET BROADCAST AND ARCHIVE OF OPEN
1-42 MEETINGS. (a) In this section, "agency" means the commission or a
1-43 health and human services agency.

1-44 (b) Each agency shall:

1-45 (1) broadcast over the Internet live video and audio
1-46 of each open meeting of the agency;

1-47 (2) make a video and audio recording of reasonable
1-48 quality of the broadcast; and

1-49 (3) provide access to the archived video and audio on
1-50 the agency's Internet website.

1-51 (c) Not later than the seventh day after the date an open
1-52 meeting is broadcast under this section, the agency shall make
1-53 available through the agency's Internet website archived video and
1-54 audio of the open meeting. The agency shall maintain the archived
1-55 video and audio of the open meeting on the agency's Internet website
1-56 for not less than two years after the date the archived video and
1-57 audio was first made available on the website.

1-58 (d) Each agency shall provide on the agency's Internet
1-59 website the same notice of the open meeting that the agency is
1-60 required to post under Subchapter C, Chapter [551](#). The notice must
1-61 be posted on the agency's Internet website within the time required

2-1 for posting notice under Subchapter C, Chapter 551.

2-2 (e) Each agency may use for an Internet broadcast of an open
2-3 meeting of the agency a room made available to the agency on request
2-4 in any state building, as that term is defined by Section 2165.301.

2-5 (f) Each agency is exempt from the requirements of this
2-6 section to the extent a catastrophe, as defined by Section
2-7 551.0411, or a technical breakdown prevents the agency from
2-8 complying with this section. Following the catastrophe or
2-9 technical breakdown, the agency shall make all reasonable efforts
2-10 to make the required video and audio of the open meeting available
2-11 in a timely manner.

2-12 (g) The commission shall consider contracting through
2-13 competitive bidding with a private individual or entity to
2-14 broadcast and archive an open meeting subject to this section to
2-15 minimize the cost of complying with this section.

2-16 (h) The requirements of this section also apply to the
2-17 meetings of any advisory body that advises the executive
2-18 commissioner or an agency. The archived video and audio of an
2-19 advisory body's meeting must be made available through the Internet
2-20 website of the agency to which the advisory body provides advice.

2-21 SECTION 3. Sections 531.0051(g) and (m), Government Code,
2-22 are amended to read as follows:

2-23 (g) The council shall comply with the requirements of
2-24 Section 531.0165 [~~give public notice of the date, time, and place of~~
2-25 ~~each meeting held by the council. A live video transmission of~~
2-26 ~~each meeting must be publicly available through the Internet~~]. The
2-27 archived video and audio of a council meeting must be made available
2-28 through the commission's Internet website.

2-29 (m) Except as provided by Section 531.0165(d), Chapters 551
2-30 and 2110 do not apply to the council.

2-31 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2-32 an open meeting held on or after September 1, 2023.

2-33 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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