

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) was established under Section 28.004, Education Code. The purpose of the council is to allow for community involvement in determining local health curriculum in public schools.

This bill makes a SHAC subject to the Texas Public Information Act and Texas Open Meetings Act to provide a more transparent process when creating the health education curriculum considered by school districts.

As proposed, S.B. 1854 amends current law relating to the inclusion of local school health advisory councils as governmental bodies for purposes of the open meetings law and the public information law.

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 551.001(3), Government Code, to redefine "governmental body" to include a local school health advisory council established under Section 28.004 (Local School Health Advisory Council and Health Education Instruction), Education Code, and to make nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 552.003(1), Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2019.