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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of lobbying contract information by political subdivisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Chapter 556, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 556.0056 to read as follows:

Sec. 556.0056.  DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN LOBBYING CONTRACT INFORMATION. (a) A political subdivision shall prominently display on the political subdivision's Internet website the following information regarding contracts for services executed by the political subdivision that would require a person to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305:

(1)  the execution dates;

(2)  the contract duration terms, including any extension options;

(3)  the effective dates;

(4)  the final amount of money the political subdivision paid in the previous fiscal year;

(5)  the identity of all parties to the contract;

(6)  the identity of all subcontractors in the contract; and

(7)  the legislative agenda of the political subdivision.

(b)  In lieu of displaying the items described by Subsections (a)(1)-(6) regarding a contract for services that would require a person to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305, a political subdivision may post on the political subdivision's Internet website the contract for those services.

(c)  Information required to be displayed on a political subdivision's Internet website under this section is public information subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.