

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 1112
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2023; March 9, 2023,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 March 30, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; March 30, 2023,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Schwertner	X			
1-10	King	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Campbell	X			
1-13	Creighton	X			
1-14	Johnson	X			
1-15	Kolkhorst	X			
1-16	Menéndez	X			
1-17	Middleton	X			
1-18	Nichols	X			
1-19	Zaffirini	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1112 By: Schwertner

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to access to criminal history record information by the
1-24 Public Utility Commission of Texas.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
1-27 amended by adding Section 411.14031 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 411.14031. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD
1-29 INFORMATION: PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS. (a) The Public
1-30 Utility Commission of Texas is entitled to obtain from the
1-31 department criminal history record information maintained by the
1-32 department that relates to a person undergoing a background and
1-33 criminal history check under Section 12.107, Utilities Code.

1-34 (b) Criminal history record information obtained under
1-35 Subsection (a):

1-36 (1) is for the exclusive use of the Public Utility
1-37 Commission of Texas and is privileged and confidential; and

1-38 (2) may not be released or disclosed to any person or
1-39 agency except on court order or with the consent of the person who
1-40 is the subject of the information.

1-41 (c) The Public Utility Commission of Texas may destroy
1-42 criminal history record information obtained under Subsection (a)
1-43 after the information is used for the purpose authorized by this
1-44 section.

1-45 (d) This section does not prohibit the Public Utility
1-46 Commission of Texas from obtaining and using criminal history
1-47 record information as provided by other law.

1-48 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 12, Utilities Code, is
1-49 amended by adding Section 12.107 to read as follows:

1-50 Sec. 12.107. CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.
1-51 Before hiring a person as an employee, the commission may obtain
1-52 from the Department of Public Safety or a private vendor all
1-53 criminal history record information relating to the prospective
1-54 employee.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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