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H.B. No. 3490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the governing board of certain state agencies to conduct a closed meeting with the agency's internal auditor to deliberate or receive information about certain internal audit matters.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 551, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 551.092 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.092. CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES: INTERNAL AUDIT MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING. (a) In this section:

(1) "Internal auditor" means the internal auditor appointed for a state agency under Section 2102.006.

(2) "State agency" has the meaning assigned by Section 2102.003.

(b) This chapter does not require the governing board of a state agency to conduct an open meeting to:

(1) confer with or receive information from the agency's internal auditor about a matter the internal auditor determines would compromise the independence, effectiveness, or confidentiality of the agency's internal audit function if disclosed publicly; or

(2) deliberate a matter described by Subdivision (1) if the agency's internal auditor is present.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.