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H.B. No. 3490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the governing board of certain state
3 agencies to conduct a closed meeting with the agency's internal
4 auditor to deliberate or receive information about certain internal
5 audit matters.

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

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

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

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

13 (2) "State agency" has the meaning assigned by Section
14 2102.003.

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

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

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

24 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.