

AN ACT

relating to access to and use of criminal history record information by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section [411.14031](#), Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (b-1) to read as follows:

(a) The Public Utility Commission of Texas is entitled to obtain as provided by Subsection (a-1) ~~[from the department]~~ criminal history record information ~~[maintained by the department]~~ that relates to an applicant for employment at, a current employee of, or a person who contracts or may contract to provide goods or services for the Public Utility Commission of Texas ~~[a person undergoing a background and criminal history check under Section [12.107](#), Utilities Code]~~.

(a-1) Subject to Section [411.087](#) and consistent with the public policy of this state, the Public Utility Commission of Texas is entitled to:

(1) obtain through the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record information maintained or indexed by that bureau that pertains to a person described by Subsection (a); and

(2) obtain from the department or any other criminal justice agency in this state criminal history record information maintained by the department or that criminal justice agency that

1 relates to a person described by Subsection (a).

2 (b) Criminal history record information obtained under
3 Subsection (a-1) [~~(a)~~].

4 [~~(1)~~] is for the exclusive use of the Public Utility
5 Commission of Texas and is privileged and confidential.

6 (b-1) The Public Utility Commission of Texas may not release
7 or disclose to any person criminal history record information
8 obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation under Subsection
9 (a-1)(1). Criminal history record information obtained by the
10 Public Utility Commission of Texas under Subsection (a-1)(2) [~~+~~ and

11 [~~(2)~~] may not be released or disclosed to any person or
12 agency except on court order or with the consent of the person who
13 is the subject of the information.

14 (c) The Public Utility Commission of Texas shall [~~may~~]
15 destroy criminal history record information obtained under this
16 section [~~Subsection (a)~~] after the information is used for the
17 purpose authorized by this section.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 4344

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4344 was passed by the House on May 2, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 5, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4344 on May 23, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 126, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4344 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor