

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 705
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General Investigating & Ethics
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that certain personal information of an applicant for an appointment by the governor should be excepted from disclosure under state public information law. S.B. 705 seeks to provide for the confidentiality of certain personal information regarding such an applicant.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 705 amends the Government Code to except the following information obtained by the governor or senate in connection with an applicant for an appointment by the governor from the public-availability requirement of state public information law: the applicant's home address, the applicant's home telephone number, and the applicant's social security number.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.