

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, nonprofit corporations eligible to receive public funding under the federal community services block grant program and that serve a geographic area of the state, are subject to the open records law, but are not subject to the open meetings law. This can create a situation that allows decisions to be made without the knowledge of, or an opportunity for input by, interested parties. H.B. 371 subjects these nonprofit corporations to the open meetings law.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 551.001(3), Government Code, to redefine “governmental body.”

SECTION 2. Amends Section 552.003(1), Government Code, to redefine “governmental body.”

SECTION 3. (a) Effective date: September 1, 2001.

(b) Provides that the change in law to Section 551.001, Government Code, made by this Act applies only to a deliberation of the governing body of a nonprofit corporation that is eligible to receive funds under the federal community services block grant program and that is authorized by this state to serve a geographic area of the state that begins on or after September 4, 2001. Provides that a deliberation of such a governing body that begins before September 4, 2001, is covered by the applicable law in effect when the deliberation begins, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(c) Provides that the change in law to Section 552.003, Government Code, made by this Act applies to information held by a nonprofit corporation that is eligible to receive funds under the federal community services block grant program and that is authorized by this state to serve a geographic area of the state regardless of when the information was collected or assembled.