

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under Chapter 51 of the current Texas Human Resources Code, the Department of Human Services is prohibited from disclosing information collected through reports, case data, or inspections that would identify a particular center or person working at or receiving services at a family violence center or special project. The current law does not cover similar information gained through other sources, which makes such information subject to disclosure. As proposed, S.B. 1050 amends the exemption from disclosure to include any information that identifies staff, board members, clients, or center locations.

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 51.007, Human Resources Code, by creating Subdivisions (1) and (3) from existing text, adding Subdivision (2), and amending, as follows:

Sec. 51.007. CONFIDENTIALITY. Prohibits the Department of Human Services from disclosing any information, rather than any information gained through certain methods, that would identify:

- (1) a particular family violence center location, rather than a particular location;
- (2) a board member of a family violence center or family violence special project;
or
- (3) a person working at or receiving services through a family violence center or family violence special project, rather than at a family violence center.

Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.