

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Adult community supervision officers or probation officers, as they are commonly known, provide a great service to Texas communities by monitoring the activity of criminal offenders. Their personal information remains open and easily accessible to the general public, including the criminal offenders on probation which they supervise, placing them at risk.

H.B. 455 authorizes the personal information of adult probation officers and employees of a probation department to be kept confidential.

### **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 552.117(a), Government Code, to provide that information is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 (Availability Of Public Information) if it is information that relates to the home address, home telephone number, or Social Security number of certain persons or that reveals whether the person has family members, including an officer or employee of a community supervision and corrections department established under Chapter 76 (Community Supervision and Corrections Departments) who performs a duty described by Section 76.004(b), regardless of whether the officer or employee complies with Section 552.024 (Electing to Disclose Address and Telephone Number) or 552.1175.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 552.1175(a), Government Code, to include certain officers and employees of a community supervision and corrections department established under Chapter 76 who perform a duty described by Section 76.004(b), as persons to whom this section applies.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 25.025(a), Tax Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2007.