

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, a committee, subcommittee, or other similar body appointed by a municipal governing body may or may not be subject to the open meetings act, depending on the nature of the meeting. As proposed, S.B. 559 adds a committee, subcommittee, or other similar entity created by a municipal governing body to the definition of governmental entity created by a municipal governing body to the definition of governmental body and requires that the subcommittee be subject to the open meetings act if a majority of the members of the subcommittee are members of the municipal governing body.

**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 Sections 551.001(3) and (4), Government Code, to redefine “governmental body,” and “meeting.”

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.