

1-1 By: Schofield, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolthorst) H.B. No. 523  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2017;  
 1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Education; May 19, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Hughes			X	
1-14 Seliger	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-16 Uresti	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the requirement that certain elected school district  
 1-22 boards make audio and video recordings of certain work sessions and  
 1-23 special called meetings available on the Internet.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 551.128(b-1), Government Code, is  
 1-26 amended to read as follows:

1-27 (b-1) A transit authority or department subject to Chapter  
 1-28 451, 452, 453, or 460, Transportation Code, an elected school  
 1-29 district board of trustees for a school district that has a student  
 1-30 enrollment of 10,000 or more, an elected governing body of a  
 1-31 home-rule municipality that has a population of 50,000 or more, or a  
 1-32 county commissioners court for a county that has a population of  
 1-33 125,000 or more shall:

1-34 (1) make a video and audio recording of reasonable  
 1-35 quality of each:

1-36 (A) regularly scheduled open meeting that is not  
 1-37 a work session or a special called meeting; and

1-38 (B) open meeting that is a work session or  
 1-39 special called meeting if:

1-40 (i) the governmental body is an elected  
 1-41 school district board of trustees for a school district that has a  
 1-42 student enrollment of 10,000 or more; and

1-43 (ii) at the work session or special called  
 1-44 meeting, the board of trustees votes on any matter or allows public  
 1-45 comment or testimony; and

1-46 (2) make available an archived copy of the video and  
 1-47 audio recording of each meeting described by Subdivision (1) on the  
 1-48 Internet.

1-49 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
 1-50 an open meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
 1-51 open meeting that is held before the effective date of this Act is  
 1-52 governed by the law in effect on the date of the open meeting, and  
 1-53 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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