

1-1 By: Lopez of Bexar, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 132
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Business
1-4 & Commerce; May 13, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 13, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the confidentiality of information used to prevent,
1-22 detect, respond to, or investigate a hostile act of a foreign
1-23 adversary of the United States.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 418.176(a), Government Code, is amended
1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 (a) Information is confidential if the information is
1-28 collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental entity
1-29 for the purpose of preventing, detecting, responding to, or
1-30 investigating an act of terrorism or related criminal activity or a
1-31 hostile act by a foreign adversary of the United States and:

1-32 (1) relates to the staffing requirements of an
1-33 emergency response provider, including a law enforcement agency, a
1-34 fire-fighting agency, or an emergency services agency;

1-35 (2) relates to a tactical plan of the provider; or

1-36 (3) consists of a list or compilation of pager or
1-37 telephone numbers, including mobile and cellular telephone
1-38 numbers, of the provider.

1-39 SECTION 2. Section 418.177, Government Code, is amended to
1-40 read as follows:

1-41 Sec. 418.177. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION
1-42 RELATING TO RISK OR VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT. Information is
1-43 confidential if the information:

1-44 (1) is collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a
1-45 governmental entity for the purpose of preventing, detecting, or
1-46 investigating an act of terrorism or related criminal activity or a
1-47 hostile act by a foreign adversary of the United States; and

1-48 (2) relates to an assessment by or for a governmental
1-49 entity, or an assessment that is maintained by a governmental
1-50 entity, of the risk or vulnerability of persons or property,
1-51 including critical infrastructure, to an act of terrorism or
1-52 related criminal activity.

1-53 SECTION 3. Section 418.179(a), Government Code, is amended
1-54 to read as follows:

1-55 (a) Information is confidential if the information:

1-56 (1) is collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a
1-57 governmental entity for the purpose of preventing, detecting, or
1-58 investigating an act of terrorism or related criminal activity or a
1-59 hostile act by a foreign adversary of the United States; and

1-60 (2) relates to the details of the encryption codes or
1-61 security keys for a public communications system.

SECTION 4. Section 418.180, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 418.180. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION PREPARED FOR UNITED STATES. Information, other than financial information, in the possession of a governmental entity is confidential if the information:

(1) is part of a report to an agency of the United States;

(2) relates to an act of terrorism or related criminal activity or a hostile act by a foreign adversary of the United States; and

(3) is specifically required to be kept confidential:

(A) under Section 552.101 because of a federal statute or regulation;

(B) to participate in a state-federal information sharing agreement; or

(C) to obtain federal funding.

SECTION 5. Section 418.181, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 418.181. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION RELATING TO CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. Those documents or portions of documents in the possession of a governmental entity are confidential if they identify the technical details of particular vulnerabilities of critical infrastructure to an act of terrorism or a hostile act by a foreign adversary of the United States.

SECTION 6. Section 418.182(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (c), information, including access codes and passwords, in the possession of a governmental entity is confidential if the information [that] relates to the specifications, operating procedures, or location of a security system used to protect public or private property from an act of terrorism or related criminal activity or a hostile act by a foreign adversary of the United States [is confidential].

SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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