

1-1 By: Capriglione, et al. H.B. No. 3711
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Middleton)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2025;
 1-4 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-5 Government; May 25, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;
 1-7 May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13			X	
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16			X	

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3711 By: Paxton

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to assistance in the investigation of certain open
 1-21 meetings offenses by the open records division of the attorney
 1-22 general's office.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2A, Code of Criminal
 1-25 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 2A.067 to read as follows:

1-26 Art. 2A.067. PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO ATTORNEY
 1-27 GENERAL. (a) A law enforcement agency that submits to the office
 1-28 of a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county
 1-29 attorney a report stating there is probable cause to believe an
 1-30 identified person has committed a criminal offense under Chapter
 1-31 551, Government Code, shall simultaneously submit a copy of that
 1-32 report to the open records division of the attorney general's
 1-33 office.

1-34 (b) On request of the attorney general, a law enforcement
 1-35 agency shall provide all requested information that has not been
 1-36 made publicly available regarding an investigation of an offense
 1-37 under Chapter 551, Government Code, to the open records division of
 1-38 the attorney general's office.

1-39 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 2A, Code of Criminal
 1-40 Procedure, is amended by adding Article 2A.112 to read as follows:

1-41 Art. 2A.112. INVESTIGATION OF OPEN MEETING OFFENSES. (a)
 1-42 An attorney representing the state in the prosecution of a criminal
 1-43 offense under Chapter 551, Government Code, may request the
 1-44 assistance of the open records division of the attorney general's
 1-45 office in the investigation of the offense.

1-46 (b) On request of the attorney general, the attorney
 1-47 representing the state in the prosecution of a criminal offense
 1-48 under Chapter 551, Government Code, shall provide to the open
 1-49 records division of the attorney general's office all requested
 1-50 information that has not been made publicly available regarding the
 1-51 investigation of the offense.

1-52 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is
 1-53 amended by adding Section 402.02801 to read as follows:

1-54 Sec. 402.02801. INVESTIGATION OF OPEN MEETING OFFENSES.
 1-55 (a) The open records division of the attorney general's office, on
 1-56 the request of a law enforcement agency under Article 2A.067, Code
 1-57 of Criminal Procedure, or an attorney representing the state under
 1-58 Article 2A.112, Code of Criminal Procedure, may assist the agency
 1-59 or attorney in the investigation of a criminal offense under
 1-60 Chapter 551.

