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Bill #	Author/Sponsor	Companion	Tag	Summary	Status/Date
HB 1383	Yvonne Davis	SB 331 by Carona	Relating to access to certain information under the public information law concerning public officers and employees.	Amends Section 552.024 of the Government Code: Personal Information of Employees and Officials. Eliminates opt-in provisions for allowing public access to home address, telephone number, social security number, or information about family members of employees/officials of governmental bodies. Makes this information excepted from public disclosure. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 552 of the Government Code to create an exception for information that could compromise the safety of a public officer or employee. Information is excepted from open records requirements if it could compromise the safety of the individual, the employee/officer applies in writing to have this information withheld, including a description of the information and circumstances demonstrating why disclosure risks safety, and the governmental body agrees that disclosure compromises safety.	03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs <u>*Portions amended onto SB 1182</u>
SB 331	Carona	HB 1383 by Yvonne Davis	Relating to access to certain information under the public information law concerning public officers and employees.	As Substituted: Amends Section 552.024 of the Government Code: Personal Information of Employees and Officials. Eliminates opt-in provisions for allowing public access to home address, telephone number, social security number, or information about family members of employees/officials of governmental bodies. Makes this information excepted from public disclosure. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 552 of the Government Code to create an exception for information that could compromise the safety of a public officer or employee. Information is excepted from open records requirements if it could compromise the safety of the individual, the employee/officer applies in writing to have this information withheld, including a description of the information and circumstances demonstrating why disclosure risks safety, and the governmental body agrees that disclosure compromises safety. Requires Officer for Public Information to request a decision from the AG and include a copy of the application submitted with request.	05-23-09 H Set on the House Calendar <u>*Portions amended onto SB 1182</u>
SB 671	Shapleigh		Relating to information requested by a member, committee, or agency of the	As Finally Passed: Amends Section 552.008 (Information for Legislative Purposes under Public Information/Open Records) of the Government Code to add Subsections b-1 and b-2. Allows members/committees/agencies of the legislature to seek decision from the attorney general. AG by rule is to establish procedures/deadlines and promptly render decision by 45th day. Allows for appeal of decision.	6/1/09 Sent to the Governor



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			legislature under the public information law.		
SB 1068	Wentworth		Relating to allowing a governmental body to redact certain personal information under the public information law without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general.	As Finally Passed: Amends Sections 552.024 (Electing to Disclose Address and Phone #); 552.1175 (Confidentiality of Addresses, Telephone Numbers, Social Security Numbers, and Personal Family Information of Officers/Jailers/TDJC Employees); and 552.138 (Exception: Family Violence Shelter Center and Sexual Assault Program Information) of the Government Code to allow governmental bodies to redact information disclosed under Public Records Act with out a decision from the AG. Allows requestor to seek a written decision from AG if information is withheld. Creates an exception for information relating to employees/officers if disclosure would subject to substantial threat of physical harm.	6/3/09 Sent to the Governor
SB 1182	Wentworth		Relating to the public information law.	As Finally Passed: Adds Section 551.0415: Governing Body of Municipality: Reports About Items of Community Interest Regarding Which No Action Will be Taken to the Government Code. Allows municipal staff to provide reports on items of community interest without governing body having given notice of subject if no action is taken. Amends Section 552.008 of the Government Code to allow members/committees/agencies of Legislature required to sign confidentiality agreements to seek decision from AG as to whether information is confidential under law. Agreement is void if information is determined to not be confidential. Allows for appeal of decision. Changes the heading of Section 552.009 to replace Commission with Attorney General. Adds Section 552.150 to create an exemption for information that could compromise the safety of an officer or employee of a hospital district. Adds Section 552.151 to create an exception regarding biological agents or toxins listed as select agents under federal law. Exempts from public information the specific location of a select agent within an	6/3/09 Sent to the Governor



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				<p>approved facility, personal identifying information of individual's name appearing in chain of custody documentation of select agents, adn identity of individual authorized to possess/use/access a select agent. Does not exempt identity of select agents at facility, identity of faculty member/employee whose name appears on published research, and public information relating to contracts. Reenacts Section 552.274(a) to reinstate the requirement that the AG biennially update report on charges made by state agencies for providing copies of public information. Amends Section 552.301 of the Government Code to impose a timeline of 15 business days to copy a requestor on written comments an agency sends to AG. Amends Section 552.324 of the Government Code to require that the only suits by governmental bodies can file to withhold information be filed in Travis County district court against the AG to seek declaratory relief from compliance. If body wishes to preserve an affirmative defense, the suit must be filed by the 10th day after receiving an AG's decision that information is public. Amends Section 261.201 of the Family Code to requires investigating agencies other than TYC to provide to parents/guardian of child who is the subject of reported abuse/neglect information on the report which would otherwise be confidential. Information is withheld if parent/guardian is the one accused of abuse/neglect.</p>	
SB 1630	Wentworth		<p>Relating to the availability of information under the public information law.</p>	<p>As Engrossed in the Senate: Amends Section 552.003 of the Government Code to exclude from the definition of a government body, a nonprofit corporation organized for the purposes of a chamber of commerce providing economic development services. Amends Section 552.008 to allow member/committee/agency of legislature allowed required by a governmental body to sign a confidentiality agreement to seek a decision from AG as to whether the information covered is confidential under law. Amends Section 552.105 of the Government Code to declare information not public under chapter instead of excepting it from reporting requirements. Amends Section 552.221 to allow (as fulfillment of open records request requirements) entities to inform requestors in writing that public information is available on the internet website, providing the internet location, and offering access to a computer at no charge to access. Amends Section 552.228 to state that an open records policy of a governmental body is considered fulfilled if the body complies with providing website and access to information requested online.</p>	<p>05-22-09 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar</p> <p><u>* Portions amended onto SB 1182</u></p>



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HB 105	Strama		Relating to limits on political contributions and expenditures in connection with certain legislative and executive offices.	<p>Adds Subchapter H: Texas Campaign Fairness Act to Chapter 253 of the Election Code. Establishes contribution limits from individuals: \$2,000 for statewide office; \$1,000 for state senate offices; \$500 for state representative offices; and \$1,500 for SBOE offices. Limits are doubled for candidates with opponents in primary elections. Does not apply to a political contribution made by an out-of-state political committee. Establishes civil penalties for violations.</p> <p>Contributions by children are considered contributions by individuals.</p> <p>Sets limits on reimbursements of personal funds. Requires notice for certain political expenditures. Establishes expenditure limits: \$5 million for statewide office; \$1 million for state senate office; \$500K for state representative office; and \$1 million for SBOE office.</p> <p>Establishes that expenditures by specific-purpose committees to support/oppose/assist candidates are considered to be expenditures by the candidate themselves unless an affidavit is filed with Ethics Commission denying any communication with committee.</p> <p>Limits use of personal funds: \$100,000 for statewide office; \$50,000 all others.</p>	2/12/09 Referred to House Elections
HB 210	Aycock		Relating to the confidentiality under the public information law of certain name and address information provided to a governmental body.	Adds Section 552.1375 to Chapter 552 of the Government Code to state that the name and physical address of an individual communicating with a governmental body for the purpose of receiving communication from that body is confidential and not subject to disclosure, unless the individual consents to its release. This doesn't prevent the governmental body from disclosing confidential information to another governmental body or federal agency.	02-17-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 391	Villareal	SB 246 by Shapleigh	Relating to limits on	Adds Subchapter G: Aggregate Limit on Contributions by Individual, Partnership, Partner, or	04-15-09 H Committee



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			<p>contributions on political contributions and direct campaign expenditures by individuals, partnerships, partners, and limited liability companies.</p>	<p>Limited Liability Company to Chapter 253 of the Election Code.</p> <p>Subchapter applies to political contributions to general purpose committees; contributions to candidates for statewide/state senate/state representative/SBOE/Court of Appeals/District Judge; contributions to specific-purpose committees supporting/opposing candidate; and direct campaign expenditures in connection with offices listed above.</p> <p>Establishes contribution limits at \$100,000 in aggregate in an election cycle, individuals under 18 are limited to \$5,000 in an election cycle. Prohibits candidates/officeholders/committees from knowingly accepting contributions that violate this subsection.</p> <p>Establishes offenses. Outlines procedures for receipts of contributions intended for another person.</p> <p>Limits contributions by partnerships, partners, and limited liability companies.</p> <p>Requires Ethics Commission to comprehensively review reports of political contributions by individuals and make the results available to the public.</p>	<p>action pending House Elections</p>
HB 481	Veasey		<p>Relating to an open document format for electronic state documents.</p>	<p>Amends Chapter 2054 of the Government Code to require state agencies to create/exchange/maintain electronic documents in an open, Extensible Markup Language based file format that is interoperable among internal/external platforms, published without restrictions/royalties, fully implemented by multiple providers on multiple platforms, and controlled by an open industry organization.</p> <p>Requires agencies to be able to receive electronic documents in an open file format for office applications and cannot change to a file format used by only one vendor.</p> <p>DIR to develop guidelines.</p>	<p>02-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs</p>
HB 735	Quintanilla		<p>Relating to the inclusion by individuals regulated by</p>	<p>Adds Chapter 60: General Licensing and Registration Requirements to Title 2 of the Occupations Code. Requires individuals required to be licensed issued by a state regulatory agency to practice to prominently display license or certificate number on</p>	<p>02-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee</p>



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			<p>this state of the individual's license or certificate of registration number on certain documents.</p>	<p>document/advert/business card/logo.</p> <p>Imposes a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per violation for non-compliance/displaying invalid/expired license.</p>	<p>on Licensing and Administrative Procedures</p>
HB 756	Martinez Fischer		<p>Relating to the making or acceptance of political contributions in a building owned by or leased to the state.</p>	<p>As Substituted: Amends Section 253.039 of the Election Code to prohibit political contributions from being made in a state building (previously restricted only to the Capitol). Allows Ethics Commission to suspend lobby registration for 180 days for violations. Commission can suspend a general purpose committee's treasurer for a violation. Defines "state building" as any building owned/occupied by the state including those leased to the state. Repeals language allowing political contributions to be accepted via mail at the Capitol.</p>	<p>5-31-09 Withdrawn from Senate Intent</p>
HB 1400	Christian		<p>Relating to the creation of a public integrity unit in the office of the attorney general to prosecute offenses against public administration, including ethics offenses, and offenses involving insurance</p>	<p>Adds Subchapter D: Public Integrity Unit to Chapter 402 of the Government Code. Lists offenses against public administration: 1. offense under Title 8 of the Penal Code: Offenses Against Public Administration; 2. offenses under Government Code Chapters 301: Legislative Organization, 302: Speaker of the House of Representatives, 305: Registration of Lobbyists, 571: Texas Ethics Commission, 572: Personal Financial Disclosure, Standards of Conduct, and Conflict of Interest, 2004: Representation Before State Agencies; 3. Offenses under Chapter 573: Degrees of Relationship; Nepotism Provisions; 4. Offenses under Title 15 of the Election Code connected to state office campaigns or proposed constitutional amendments: General Administration of Registration; and 5. Offenses involving compliance with imposition of motor fuels taxes.</p> <p>Additionally lists offenses involving insurance fraud: 1. Offenses under Chapter 35 of the Penal Code including those involving workers' compensation insurance: Insurance Fraud; or 2. fraudulent insurance acts as defined by Section 701.001 of the Insurance Code. Establishes the public integrity unit within the office of the AG. Allows unit to prosecute persons in any district/county court of venue for offenses against public administration or offenses involving</p>	<p>04-14-09 H Committee action pending House State Affairs</p>



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			fraud.	insurance fraud. Unit must assert right to prosecute in writing and will have all powers of prosecuting attorney. Requires state agencies to cooperate with unit by providing requested information. Information is confidential. Allows AG to employ/commission peace officers to investigate offenses.	
HB 1485	Pitts		Relating to performance assessments of certain state agencies.	As Engrossed by House: Amends Section 2001.024 of the Government Code to include in the required notice of a proposed rule, certification that a proposed rule is consistent with the intent of the legislature. Also requires a copy of legislative history for deliberative process of rulemaking. Amends Section 2001.032 to add Consideration of Legislative Intent. Requires state agencies in the process of developing a new rule to research legislative history and take certain steps. Requires state agencies before giving notice of intent to adopt a rule to ensure it is consistent with legislative intent and notify author/sponsor of legislation adding/amending law. Allows primary author/sponsor to inform the Governor in writing of belief that proposed rule is not consistent with legislative intent. Governor can issue a proclamation instructing the agency not to adopt the rule. Agency is prohibited from adopting rule if Governor issues proclamation. Rule is vacated on date of governor's proclamation. Amends Chapter 2056 of the Government Code to require state agencies to: 1. establish a 6 year plan to assess management/accountability/performance/customer service; and 2. assess progress in implementing plan every 2 years. Requires agency to submit assessment to the Quality Texas Foundation which is to: 1. assess agency's systems and 2. evaluate the effectiveness of the agency's leadership/planning/customer focus/performance measure/process management. Requires reporting by foundation of assessments and recommendations for legislation/action by the agency to Legislature, LBB, Governor's Office of Budget and Planning, and submitting state agency. If assessment indicates failure of agency to improve deficiencies, the Lt. Gov and speaker can require review by Sunset Commission. Makes provisions for awards of up to 10% of the net savings or revenue increases to a state agency demonstrating significant improvement in any noted deficiencies and reduces state expenditures by increasing agency efficiency. Allows Governor's Office of Budget and Planning to adopt rules to implement. Requires by October 1, 2009, the Office to select to conduct assessments: 1. 2 state agencies with at least 800 full-time employees; 2. 2 state agencies with between 100 and 799 full-time employees; and 3. 2 state agencies with up to 100 full-time employees.	05-22-09 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs
HB 1543	Callegari		Relating to the criteria for	Amends Section 325.011 of the Government Code to additionally include in the criteria for review by the Sunset Commission for agencies licensing occupations/professions: whether the	04-28-09 H Committee



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			review by the Sunset Advisory Commission of an agency that licenses an occupation.	licensing program serves a meaningful public interest in protecting public health/safety/welfare, and provides least restrictive form of regulation; whether conditions causing initial regulation have changed; the extent to which regulation can be achieved by market forces; extent licensing criteria effect individuals wishing to enter occupation; economic impact of regulation; composition of agency's board; if agency encourages public participation; if complaint procedures are adequate; and result of complaints.	action pending House State Affairs
HB 1959	Isett	SB 1006 by Hegar	Relating to the governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.	As Substituted: Establishes sunset dates for the Texas Education Agency as September 1, 2013. Requires Sunset Advisory Commission to conduct a special-purpose review of TEA as part of agency reviews for 82nd Legislature. Report must include an assessment with compliance of mandates/requirements contained in legislation passed by 79th, 80th, and 81st Legislatures.	5-31-09 Temporarily Withdrawn in House
HB 2268	Corte		Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public money for lobbying activities or payment of fees and dues of a state association or organization.	Transfers Section 89.002 of the Local Government Code to newly created Section 556.0056 of the Government Code. Prohibits the governing body of a political subdivision from spending public money directly/indirectly to influence legislative outcomes. Does not prohibit officers/employees from providing information/testifying upon request of Legislature. Allows taxpayers, county/district attorney, AG, or public integrity unit to bring injunctive relief.	03-09-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 2633	Ortiz	SB 143 by Ellis	Relating to limits on political contributions and direct campaign expenditures by individuals.	Adds Subchapter G: Aggregate Limit on Contributions to Chapter 253 of the Election Code. Chapter applies to: political contribution to a political committee by a political party; political contribution to a candidate for statewide executive office/state senator/state representative/SBOE; political contribution to a specific-purpose committee to support/oppose a candidate; and direct campaign expenditures. Limits contributions to \$100,000. Contributions by spouses/children of individuals are considered contributions of the individual. Prohibits candidates/officeholders/political committees from knowingly accepting a political contribution in violation of section. Establishes a 3rd degree felony offense.	03-16-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections



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				<p>Establishes provisions for receiving contributions intended for another person. Considers direct campaign expenditures as campaign contributions if made with cooperation/prior consent/in consultation with/at the suggestion of candidate/specific-purpose committee/person acting with candidate's knowledge/consent.</p> <p>Requires Ethics Commission to conduct a comprehensive computer review of political contributions made by individuals in an election cycle and make results public.</p>	
HB 2909	Marquez		<p>Relating to allowing a governmental body to redact certain personal information under the public information law without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general.</p>	<p>Amends Sections 552.024, 552.1175, 552.130, 552.136, 552.137, 552.138, and 552.301 of the Government Code to allow governmental bodies to redact information on employees' addresses, phone number, social security numbers, and family or that is maintained by family violence/sexual assault centers the body discloses under the Public Records Act without having to get the AG's decision.</p>	<p>04-29-09 H Reported favorably from committee on House State Affairs</p>
HB 2942	Dunnam		<p>Relating to fiscal accountability and transparency in government operations by providing for effective legislative oversight.</p>	<p>Amends Chapter 321 of the Government Code to create a Texas Fiscal Responsibility Office and State Auditor's office. Texas Fiscal Responsibility Office is an independent agency in the legislative branch. Chapter applies to independent organizations certified by PUC, regional mobility authorities, TEDC, nonprofits established to solicit for the Texas Enterprise Fund, nonprofits established by agency/board/etc. to solicit donations, and any other public/private person receiving money under American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Makes the Legislative Audit Committee a Board and changes the makeup. Beginning July 1, 2009, Board must meet once each month in Austin to take testimony on use of funds. Office and Board are subject to Sunset. State Auditor is Office's CEO and is required to do activities listed. Board appoints state auditor. Requires State Auditor to appoint a counselor, and is permitted to</p>	<p>05-19-09 S Received in the Senate - Referred to Senate Finance</p>



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				<p>appoint a chief clerk. Requires the Office to prepare information of interest to public. Office is required to develop a standard contract provision requiring disclosure by contractors amount of payments to lobbyists. Office is required to post information relating to a contract on the internet. Establishes a penalty for interfering with audits/investigations related to funds available from ARRA of 2009. State Auditor is allowed to serve written request for information, and creates a civil penalty for failure to comply. Requires Office to recommend policies for handling detection, identification, and termination or exclusion of those participating in fraud or abuse. Requires Auditor to establish a toll-free phone line for people to obtain information about audits or report violations. Requires referral of fraud/abuse cases to DA of Travis County or PA of county in which offense occurs. Changes the composition of Legislative Budget Board and Legislative Council and adds responsibilities relating to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Subjects Legislative Reference Library to Sunset review but not abolishment. Establishes the library as the repository for all Recovery Act publications. Creates a Recovery Act Accountability Board to coordinate auditing and reviews of spending funds provided through the Recovery Act. Makes conforming changes. All references to state auditor mean the Texas Fiscal Accountability Office.</p>	
HB 3297	Raymond		<p>Relating to an annual state budget and legislative budget sessions in even-numbered years and to political contributions made during a legislative session.</p>	<p>Amends the Government Code to require the Legislature to convene for a budget session in even numbered years beginning the 3rd Tuesday in April. Makes conforming changes to move to a state annual fiscal year. Requires the LBB and TLC to examine laws/operations to determine the effect of annual state budget and make recommendations. Prohibits political contributions to be made during a budget session of the Legislature.</p>	<p>03-18-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs</p>
HB 3396	Harper-Brown		<p>Relating to requiring a state agency</p>	<p>Amends Section 325.007 of the Government Code to require in years where an agency is subject to sunset, it must present a zero-based budget for the fiscal year justifying each activity and legal authority to perform; budgets minimum amount; and includes other required</p>	<p>03-19-09 H Introduced and referred</p>



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			that is undergoing review by the Sunset Advisory Commission to undergo a financial audit and submit a zero-based budget in connection with the review.	information. Requires the state auditor to conduct a financial audit of each agency subject to sunset and send to Commission prior to sunset year.	to committee on House State Affairs
HB 3641	Doug Miller		Relating to the preservation of effective responses to requests for information pursuant to the public information law.	Amends Chapter 552 of the Government Code to allow governmental bodies to bring suit against abusive requestors of public information. Suit must be brought within 10 days of request in Travis County and provide notice to AG. Action brings a temporary injunction for 90 days or the final judgement. Requires court to hold preliminary hearing to determine probably cause. Court may find a requestor an abusive requestor if shown to have made at least 5 requests of a certain type. Requires a final hearing. Allows court to enter an order prohibiting a person from submitting future requests for public information if found to be an abusive requestor.	03-19-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 4134	Anchia	SB 280 by Nelson	Relating to the exception from required public disclosure of certain personal information of public employees and public	Amends Section 552.024 of the Government Code to read: Personal Information of Employees and Officials. Deletes the employee/official option to limit public access to information and instead requires information regarding home address, home telephone number, date of birth, shift assignment, and social security number of an employee/official/former employee/former official of a governmental body or information that reveals whether the person has family members is exempted from Section 552.021 (Availability of Public Information). Allows above to opt to disclose above information in writing instead of electing to opt out. Act is prospective and does not apply to requests for information received by a governmental	03-24-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs



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			officials.	body before effective date of act, however it does apply to personal information prepared/assembled before and after the effective date of the Act.	
HB 4140	Homer		Relating to a bulk data request for information under the public information law.	As Substituted: Amends Section 552.003 of the Government Code to defines a bulk data request as that for copies of public information over 100 pages. Amends the Government Code to state governmental bodies are not required to produce: 1. information in bulk data requests in mediums other than that in which the info is maintained or 2. documents responsive to requests in requested format if info is maintained in medium requested. Does not apply to representatives of radio/TV stations, newspapers qualified to publish legal notices/free circulation, title companies, or companies providing information to a title company. Allows charging up to 2 cents per page for bulk data requests. Again provides exemptions.	05-08-09 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs
HB 4161	Rose		Relating to the creation of the office of inspector general and the appointment of inspectors general at Health and Human Service, Texas Youth Commission, DPS, TEA, and TxDoT.	Amends Title 4 of the Government Code to add Chapter 422: Offices of Inspectors General. Creates an Office of Inspector General and IGs for each of the following: HHSC, TYC, DPS, TEA, and TXDoT. Establishes Office as an agency of the state. Requires Governor with Senate consent to appoint an IG as director of the Office, and appoints an IG for each agency applicable to serve 2 year terms. Allows Office to employ peace officers. Office is responsible for review of fraud, waste, and abuse of services provided by each agency, enforcement of state law and protection of public, and prevention/detection of crime. Provides IG rulemaking authority to administer functions of office. IGs have authority to review, investigate, inspect, and audit agencies. IG has access to all information, including confidential info. Allows IG to issue subpoenas to compel witnesses. Requires periodic reporting to state auditor and agency director, and requires reporting review findings to Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker, State Auditor, and law enforcement. Information and materials compiled during a review are confidential. Allows Office to act for agencies in assessing civil or administrative penalties.	03-24-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 4207	Giddings	SB 1912 by Duncan	Relating to the disclosure of personally identifiable information	As Substituted: Adds Section 552.150: Exception: Dates of Birth of Employees of Governmental Bodies. Exempts the day of birth but not month and year of current/former official/employee of a governmental body collected/maintained in payroll/personnel/employment records. Allows governmental body to redact birthday day in disclosed records. Amends Chapter 552 of the Government Code to add Subchapter J:	05-14-09 H Set on the House Calendar



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			under the public information law.	<p>Personally Identifiable Information Collected by State Governmental Bodies. Defines as any information about an individual collected by a state governmental body used to distinguish/track identity: name, SSN, Birth date, location of birth, maiden name, biometric records, medical info, education, financial info, and employment info.</p> <p>Requires comptroller to perform an analysis of the amount and type of personally identifiable info collected by each state body. Allows establishment of a task force to assist and advise. Reporting requirement.</p>	
HB 4307	Crownover		Relating to the creation of the office of inspector within the State Auditor's Office and the appointment of deputy inspectors general.	<p>Amends Chapter 321 of the Government Code. Applies to HHSC, TYC, TDCJ, TEA, and TXDoT and other agencies which receive federal stimulus money. Establishes Office of the Inspector General in the Auditor's office. Requires division and each applicable state agency to enter into service level agreement establishing performance standards and deliverables. Governor appoints Inspector General to serve as director of division. IG designates deputy inspectors general for each applicable agency. Division is responsible for investigation of fraud, waste, and abuse. Division has oversight responsibilities for federal stimulus funds provided to state/agency. Requires studying ARRA of 2009 and subsequent federal economic stimulus legislation to determine available funds, provide oversight for use of funds, and make recommendations to legislature on funds. Division is responsible for investigation of fraud, waste and abuse in provision/funding of health or human services, enforcement of law relating to provisions, and prevention and detection of crime within HHS. Allows IG rulemaking authority to implement. Allows Governor to issue executive orders directing agencies to implement recommendations by IGs. Allows Division and AG to enter into MOUs to process cases. Establishes requirements of MOUs. Allows IG to audit and review effectiveness of state/federal funds, including contract and grant funds. Establishes procedures for initiating reviews and investigations. Requires deputy IG for HHSC to conduct an integrity review to determine warrants of full investigation. IG and/or deputy are entitled access to all information, accounts, books, etc. including confidential information. Allows division to grant awards to those whose reports of abuse, fraud, or waste result in recovery of a penalty. Reporting requirements. All information/material compiled during review is confidential and not subject to disclosure. Repealer language.</p>	04-07-09 H Committee action pending House State Affairs
HB 4665	Herrero		Relating to the office of	<p>Adds Subchapter R: Inspector General to Chapter 531 of the Government Code. Establishes an office of the inspector general to investigate fraud, waste, and abuse. The office is part of the</p>	03-26-09 H Introduced



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			inspector general for the Health and Human Services Commission.	single state Medicaid agency. Allows HHSC and office to enter into service level agreements establishing performance standards and deliverables. Governor appoints IG to serve as director of office. Reporting requirement. Establishes conflict of interest provisions. Allows IG to adopt rules necessary to administer. Requires IG to employ a physician as the medical review officer. Allows IG to review any activity or operation of an HHS agency or provider related to investigation, detection, prevention of fraud, waste, or abuse. Requires an integrity review to determine warrant for full investigation. Allows IG full access to all data except that restricted under federal law. Requires office to refer suspected records to State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Office can request an expedited hearing. Allows for internal auditing. Allows coordination with state auditor. Reporting requirement. Information compiled by IG during review is confidential. Requires IG to prepare a final report for each review conducted. Allows Office to impose administrative or civil penalties.	and referred to committee on House Human Services
HJR 66	Christian		Permitting the attorney general to prosecute offenses against public administration, including ethics offenses, and offenses involving insurance fraud.	Constitutional Amendment allowing the AG to represent the state in district/inferior courts to prosecute offenses against public administration including ethics and insurance fraud offenses.	03-02-09 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
SB 143	Ellis	HB 2633 by Ortiz	Relating to limits on political	Adds Subchapter G: Aggregate Limit on Contributions to Chapter 253 of the Election Code. Chapter applies to: political contribution to a political committee by a political party; political	2/10/09 Referred to Senate State



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			<p>contributions and direct campaign expenditures by individuals.</p>	<p>contribution to a candidate for statewide executive office/state senator/state representative/SBOE; political contribution to a specific-purpose committee to support/oppose a candidate; and direct campaign expenditures.</p> <p>Limits contributions to \$100,000. Contributions by spouses/children of individuals are considered contributions of the individual. Prohibits candidates/officeholders/political committees from knowingly accepting a political contribution in violation of section. Establishes a 3rd degree felony offense.</p> <p>Establishes provisions for receiving contributions intended for another person.</p> <p>Considers direct campaign expenditures as campaign contributions if made with cooperation/prior consent/in consultation with/at the suggestion of candidate/specific-purpose committee/person acting with candidate's knowledge/consent.</p> <p>Requires Ethics Commission to conduct a comprehensive computer review of political contributions made by individuals in an election cycle and make results public.</p>	Affairs
SB 180	Gallegos		<p>Relating to the creation of a state occupational health and safety plan.</p>	<p>Adds Subchapter I: State Occupational Health and Safety Plan to Chapter 411 of the Labor Code. Requires Worker's Comp Commissioner to develop a state plan on enforcement of occupational health and safety standards. TDI is charged with implementation and enforcement. Requires Division to gather/publish statistics on occupational health and safety programs operated by other states for a comparative evaluation, design/research prevention of job-related injuries/disease, publish results of research, consult with employers, develop programs to reduce job-related injuries/disease, and collect information on occupational safety. Division can charge fees for publications/training.</p> <p>Requires collection of job-related accidents by employers and then classify employers and identify hazardous occupations.</p> <p>Creates the Task Force on Certain High-risk Worksites. Task force is to inspect high-risk worksites engaged in manufacture/distribution of products: known/probably carcinogens or known flammable/explosive properties.</p>	2/10/09 Referred to Senate State Affairs



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				<p>Occupational health and safety plan is funded by assessment of an annual maintenance tax from each stock insurance company, mutual insurance company, reciprocal/interinsurance exchange, and Lloyd's plan writing workers' compensation insurance in TX. Tax is not to exceed 1% of gross workers' compensation insurance premiums.</p> <p>Requires employers to furnish/maintain safe and healthful work environment and report to Division injury/accident/fatality information.</p> <p>Repeals Section 411.018 of the Labor Code: Federal OSHA Compliance.</p>	
SB 246	Shapleigh	HB 391 Villareal	<p>Relating to limits on contributions on political contributions and direct campaign expenditures by individuals, partnerships, partners, and limited liability companies.</p>	<p>Adds Subchapter G: Aggregate Limit on Contributions by Individual, Partnership, Partner, or Limited Liability Company to Chapter 253 of the Election Code.</p> <p>Subchapter applies to political contributions to general purpose committees; contributions to candidates for statewide/state senate/state representative/SBOE/Court of Appeals/District Judge; contributions to specific-purpose committees supporting/opposing candidate; and direct campaign expenditures in connection with offices listed above.</p> <p>Establishes contribution limits at \$100,000 in aggregate in an election cycle, individuals under 18 are limited to \$5,000 in an election cycle. Prohibits candidates/officeholders/committees from knowingly accepting contributions that violate this subsection.</p> <p>Establishes offenses. Outlines procedures for receipts of contributions intended for another person.</p> <p>Limits contributions by partnerships, partners, and limited liability companies.</p> <p>Requires Ethics Commission to comprehensively review reports of political contributions by individuals and make the results available to the public.</p>	2/11/09 Referred to Senate State Affairs
SB 266	Hinojosa		<p>Relating to an open format for electronic state</p>	<p>Amends Subchapter F, Chapter 2054 (Information Resources) of the Government Code to require DIR in consulting with the Client Information Interchange Standards Committee to: 1. define open standards/formats meeting needs to state; 2. issue policy statement identifying</p>	05-26-09 Received in the House, Not referred



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			documents and the sharing of information electronically among state agencies	<p>specific open standards/formats technology features desired by state; and 3. publish/use planning/procurement processes for information resources technology/items that emphasize open standards/formats and share information with public.</p> <p>Adds Subchapter N: Interagency Sharing of Information to Chapter 2054 of the Government Code. Requires DIR to develop standards for sharing information electronically among state agencies. Standards must: require a state agency to comply with state/federal confidentiality laws; protect personally identifiable information; and include strategies for sharing/transferring information. Standards must be published.</p> <p>Requires state agencies to conform to common client information interchange standards when possible.</p> <p>Creates a Client Information Interchange Standards Committee composed of: governor/designee; comptroller/designee; head/designee of DIR, HHSC, TDCJ, DPS, TWC, TEA; and any other agency deemed necessary. DIR representative serves as presiding officer. Committee to meet quarterly. Staffed by DIR.</p> <p>Committee is required to analyze/compare how state agencies with common clients manage/exchange information; identify/rank priority opportunities to improve client interaction with multiple agencies; and advise DIR on standards to facilitate data sharing without requiring agencies to make significant modifications.</p>	
SB 280	Nelson	HB 4134 by Anchia	Relating to the exception from required public disclosure of certain personal information of public employees and public officials.	<p>Amends Section 552.024 of the Government Code to read: Personal Information of Employees and Officials. Deletes the employee/official option to limit public access to information and instead requires information regarding home address, home telephone number, date of birth, shift assignment, and social security number of an employee/official/former employee/former official of a governmental body or information that reveals whether the person has family members is exempted from Section 552.021 (Availability of Public Information). Allows above to opt to disclose above information in writing instead of electing to opt out.</p> <p>Act is prospective and does not apply to requests for information received by a governmental body before effective date of act, however it does apply to personal information prepared/assembled before and after the effective date of the Act.</p>	2/11/09 Referred to Senate State Affairs



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SB 304	Shapleigh		Relating to information obtained under the public information law for legislative purposes that indicates a crime has been committed by a governmental body or a governmental officer of employee.	Amends Sections 552.008 and 552.352 of the Government Code. Prevents governmental bodies from requiring entities requesting information under this section of code to sign confidentiality agreements if the requested information indicates evidence of a crime by a governmental body or officer/employee of that body.	2/11/09 Referred to Senate State Affairs
SB 509	Carona		Relating to the reporting of proposed publicity expenditures by state agencies to certain legislative committees.	Amends Section 2113.011 (Use of Appropriated Money) of the Government Code to require state agencies to report their proposed publicity expenditures by June 1 of each year to the standing committee with jurisdiction. Allows committee to send a statement supporting or opposing a proposed expenditure with a majority vote.	02-17-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 1006	Hegar	HB 1959 by Isett	Relating to the governmental entities subject to the sunset review	Establishes sunset dates for the Texas Education Agency as September 1, 2013.	03-13-09 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate



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			process.		Government Organization
SB 1912	Duncan	HB 4207 by Giddings	Relating to the disclosure of personally identifiable information under the public information law.	As Substituted: Amends Chapter 552 of the Government Code to exempt the year in dates of birth of current or former government employees from disclosure under open records. Allows governmental body to redact date of birth information without requiring decision from AG. Adds Subchapter J: Personally Identifiable Information Collected by State Governmental Bodies to chapter 552. Defines Personally identifiable information as that about an individual collected by governmental body used to distinguish/track identity such as among other things biometric records and medical information. Requires comptroller to study on amount and type of personally identifiable information collected by government. Allows appointment of a task force. Reporting requirement with recommendations for legislation.	05-21-09 H Voted favorably from committee on House State Affairs