
**State Government, Elections &
Information Technology Committee**

HB 2941

Brief Description: Reporting to ethics boards licensing agreements for public use of certain state resources produced by state agencies.

Sponsors: Representatives Stambaugh, Sawyer, Tharinger, Frame and Kraft.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires agencies within the legislative and executive branches to submit copies of licensing contracts entered into that allow for public use of state-created materials or information to their respective ethics boards for informational purposes.

Hearing Date: 2/2/18

Staff: Travis Yonker (786-7383).

Background:

The Legislative Ethics Board and the Executive Ethics Board investigate and enforce the ethics requirements of the state agencies and employees under the legislative and executive branches of the state government, respectively.

There are instances when an agency, through its employees, may contract with a third party to license the use of materials or information originally created by a state agency for public use.

Summary of Bill:

A state agency within the legislative and executive branches that enters into a contract to grant a license to any person, including persons and entities outside of state government, to allow any indirect use of state resources is required to submit a copy of the licensing contract to the appropriate ethics board.

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Indirect use of state resources is defined as materials or information properly created by a state agency at public expense that have been contractually released by an agency for public use of those materials or information.

The Legislative Ethics Board and the Executive Ethics Board are both required to receive the licensing contracts submitted by state agencies for informational purposes, but will not take any enforcement action available to those boards based on subsequent indirect use of state resources.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.