1   AN ACT

2 relating to the application of the open meetings law to certain

3 health maintenance organizations.

4   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5   SECTION 1. Section 551.085, Government Code, is amended to

6 read as follows:

7   Sec. 551.085. GOVERNING BOARD OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS OF

8 HEALTH CARE SERVICES. (a) This chapter does not require the

9 governing board of a municipal hospital, municipal hospital

10 authority, hospital district created under general or special law,

11 or nonprofit health maintenance organization created under Section

12 534.101, Health and Safety Code, to conduct an open meeting to

13 deliberate:

14   (1) pricing or financial planning information

15 relating to a bid or negotiation for the arrangement or provision of

16 services or product lines to another person if disclosure of the

17 information would give advantage to competitors of the hospital,

18 hospital district, or nonprofit health maintenance organization;

19 or

20   (2) information relating to a proposed new service or

21 product line of the hospital, hospital district, or nonprofit

22 health maintenance organization before publicly announcing the

23 service or product line.

24   (b) The governing board of a health maintenance

1   organization created under Section 281.0515, Health and Safety

2   Code, that is subject to this chapter is not required to conduct an

3   open meeting to deliberate information described by Subsection (a).

4   SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 121 passed the Senate on February 27, 2003, by a viva-voce vote. —————————————

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 121 passed the House on April 10, 2003, by a non-record vote. —————————————

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

24 Apr. '03
Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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