

HB 762 -- Disclosure of News Media Information

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This bill establishes the Premature or Unnecessary Subpoena Prevention Act which prohibits any judicial, legislative, administrative, or other official body to compel a member of the news media to disclose information that has not been published or broadcast. The party requesting the information may compel disclosure of the information only after establishing by clear and convincing evidence that:

- (1) The information is highly relevant to a legal issue before any official body;
- (2) The information is critical to the maintenance of the requesting party's legal claim or defense; and
- (3) The requesting party has not been able to obtain the information from any alternative sources after a full and diligent attempt.