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This bill modifies the requirements for disclosure of settlement agreements involving certain public employees.

In the event a settlement agreement involves the payment of more than \$10,000 of public money, the specific reasons for the agreement are required to be disclosed, and, if the agreement releases the government entity from potential liability, the acts, omissions, or other events that gave rise to that potential liability must also be disclosed.

The bill also modifies the disclosure required upon completion of an investigation or complaint against a public official, by further clarifying and adding certain employment positions within cities and counties of a specified size, and all school districts, as meeting the definition of public official.

Existing language, which provides that data related to a complaint or charge against a public official are public only if certain conditions are met, is stricken from the law.