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H.B. No. 3550

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the availability of certain information regarding an
3 application for or the award of disaster recovery funds under the
4 public information law.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 552.160, Government Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) Except as provided by Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (c) and
10 (d), the following information maintained by a governmental body is
11 confidential:

12 (1) the name, social security number, house number,
13 street name, and telephone number of an individual or household
14 that applies for state or federal disaster recovery funds;

15 (2) the name, tax identification number, address, and
16 telephone number of a business entity or an owner of a business
17 entity that applies for state or federal disaster recovery funds;
18 and

19 (3) any other information the disclosure of which
20 would identify or tend to identify a person or household that
21 applies for state or federal disaster recovery funds.

22 (d) Information is not confidential under Subsection (b) if
23 the information is contained in or describes:

24 (1) an application for or the award of state or federal

1 disaster recovery funds to a governmental body; or
2 (2) an application for or the award of state or federal
3 disaster recovery funds that are allocated or distributed by a
4 governmental body, other than information listed in Subsection
5 (b)(1) or (2) concerning an applicant for that allocation or
6 distribution.

7 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to
8 information written, produced, collected, assembled, or maintained
9 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act, but does not
10 apply to a request for public information received before the
11 effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.