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S.B. No. 882

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of a victim impact statement.

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

SECTION 1. Article 56.03(f), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(f) The court may not inspect a victim impact statement until after a finding of guilt or until deferred adjudication is ordered. Except as provided by Subsection (g) and any other law that specifically permits inspection of the contents of a victim impact statement, the contents of a victim impact statement are confidential ~~[and the contents of the statement may not be disclosed to any person unless:~~

~~(1) the defendant pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is convicted of the offense, or~~

~~(2) the defendant in writing authorizes the court to inspect the statement].~~

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