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H.B. No. 3135

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the release of certain information held by the Title  
3 IV-D agency in connection with child support services provided by  
4 the agency.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 231.108, Family Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d-1) to  
8 read as follows:

9 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section  
10 [~~Subsection (c)~~], all files and records of services provided under  
11 this chapter, including information concerning a custodial parent,  
12 noncustodial parent, child, and an alleged or presumed father, are  
13 confidential.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this section  
15 [~~Subsection (c)~~], all communications made by a recipient of  
16 financial assistance under Chapter 31, Human Resources Code, or an  
17 applicant for or recipient of services under this chapter are  
18 privileged.

19 (d-1) Subject to Subsection (e), on written request by a  
20 person appointed as a conservator of a child, the Title IV-D agency  
21 shall release to that person any information from the agency's  
22 files and records regarding the home address and place of  
23 employment of each conservator of the child. This subsection does  
24 not require the release of information if prohibited by a court

1 order rendered in accordance with Section 105.006(c).

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.