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H.B. No. 876

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the confidentiality of certain identification  
3 information of a child in a suit affecting the parent-child  
4 relationship.

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

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 108, Family Code, is amended by adding  
7 Section 108.111 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 108.111. CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD'S IDENTIFICATION  
9 INFORMATION. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this  
10 title, information specifically identifying a child in a suit  
11 affecting the parent-child relationship, including the child's  
12 social security number, driver's license number, or number of a  
13 personal identification card issued by the Department of Public  
14 Safety, contained in an order, petition, motion, report, or other  
15 document required in this title, is confidential and does not  
16 constitute public information for purposes of Chapter 552,  
17 Government Code.

18 (b) A court, the Title IV-D agency, or any other person that  
19 maintains a document described by Subsection (a) containing  
20 information that is confidential under this section shall ensure  
21 that the information is excluded from disclosure.

22 (c) This section does not apply to the disclosure of  
23 information between the parties in a suit or to a disclosure to a  
24 court, the Title IV-D agency, or another person entitled under this

1 title to receive the information as long as the disclosure is  
2 otherwise permitted by law.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to  
4 information contained in an order, petition, motion, report, or  
5 other document required under Title 5, Family Code, regardless of  
6 the date the document was created.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.