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H.B. No. 1960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to access to records or files concerning a child who is subject to the juvenile justice system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58.007, Family Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(e) Law enforcement records and files concerning a child may be inspected or copied by a juvenile justice agency as that term is defined by Section 58.101, ~~and~~ a criminal justice agency as that term is defined by Section 411.082, Government Code, the child, and the child's parent or guardian.

(j) Before a child or a child's parent or guardian may inspect or copy a record or file concerning the child under Subsection (e), the custodian of the record or file shall redact:

(1) any reference in the record or file to a suspect, offender, victim, or witness who is not the child; and

(2) any information that is excepted from required disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code, or other law.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.