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H.B. No. 437

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a limitation on the use by state agencies of credit information regarding certain job applicants.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 651, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 651.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 651.010. CONSIDERATION OF CREDIT INFORMATION IN HIRING. (a) An agency in any branch of state government may not consider an individual's credit information or credit score in deciding whether to hire the individual.

(b) This section does not apply to the hiring of an individual who is being considered for:

(1) a position that involves access to or the direct handling of money or negotiable instruments;

(2) a position as a peace officer, reserve law enforcement officer, public security officer, or county jailer, as those terms are defined by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code;

(3) a position as a corrections officer, as defined by Section 2306.5621; or

(4) a position that involves investigating possible violations of law or state agency rule.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.