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H.B. No. 2876

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of an administrative law judge to order  
3 the release of certain information relating to a child abuse and  
4 neglect investigation.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 261.201, Family Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) On a motion of one of the parties in a matter before an  
9 administrative law judge, the administrative law judge may order  
10 the disclosure of information that is confidential under this  
11 section that relates to the matter before the administrative law  
12 judge after a hearing for which notice is provided as required by  
13 Subsection (b)(2) and making the review and determination required  
14 by Subsection (b)(3).

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.