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S.B. No. 1068

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to allowing a governmental body to redact certain personal  
3 information under the public information law without the necessity  
4 of requesting a decision from the attorney general.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (c), Section 552.024, Government  
7 Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 (c) If the employee or official or former employee or  
9 official chooses not to allow public access to the information:

10 (1) [~~r~~] the information is protected under Subchapter  
11 C; and

12 (2) the governmental body may redact the information  
13 from any information the governmental body discloses under Section  
14 552.021 without the necessity of requesting a decision from the  
15 attorney general under Subchapter G.

16 SECTION 2. Section 552.1175, Government Code, is amended by  
17 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

18 (f) A governmental body may redact information that must be  
19 withheld under Subsection (b) from any information the governmental  
20 body discloses under Section 552.021 without the necessity of  
21 requesting a decision from the attorney general under Subchapter G.

22 SECTION 3. Section 552.138, Government Code, is amended by  
23 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

24 (c) A governmental body may redact information maintained

1 by a family violence shelter center or sexual assault program that  
2 may be withheld under Subsection (b)(1) or (6) from any information  
3 the governmental body discloses under Section 552.021 without the  
4 necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general under  
5 Subchapter G.

6         SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.