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S.B. No. 1599

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of criminal history record information to the Court Reporters Certification Board.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (i), Section 411.081, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(i) A criminal justice agency may disclose criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of nondisclosure to the following noncriminal justice agencies or entities only:

- (1) the State Board for Educator Certification;
- (2) a school district, charter school, private school, regional education service center, commercial transportation company, or education shared service arrangement;
- (3) the Texas Medical Board;
- (4) the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired;
- (5) the Board of Law Examiners;
- (6) the State Bar of Texas;
- (7) a district court regarding a petition for name change under Subchapter B, Chapter 45, Family Code;
- (8) the Texas School for the Deaf;
- (9) the Department of Family and Protective Services;
- (10) the Texas Youth Commission;
- (11) the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative

Services;

(12) the Department of State Health Services, a local mental health service, a local mental retardation authority, or a community center providing services to persons with mental illness or retardation;

(13) the Texas Private Security Board;

(14) a municipal or volunteer fire department;

(15) the Texas Board of Nursing;

(16) a safe house providing shelter to children in harmful situations;

(17) a public or nonprofit hospital or hospital district;

(18) the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission;

(19) the securities commissioner, the banking commissioner, the savings and mortgage lending commissioner, or the credit union commissioner;

(20) the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy;

(21) the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation;

(22) the Health and Human Services Commission;

(23) the Department of Aging and Disability Services;

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(24) the Texas Education Agency; and

(25) the Court Reporters Certification Board.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1403 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1403. ACCESS TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION: COURT REPORTERS CERTIFICATION BOARD. (a) In this

1 section, "board" means the Court Reporters Certification Board  
2 established under Chapter 52.

3 (b) The board is entitled to obtain from the department  
4 criminal history record information maintained by the department  
5 that relates to a person who is an applicant for or the holder of a  
6 certification issued by the board.

7 (c) Criminal history record information obtained by the  
8 board under Subsection (b):

9 (1) may be used by the board for any purpose related to  
10 the issuance, denial, suspension, revocation, or renewal of a  
11 certification issued by the board;

12 (2) may not be released or disclosed to any person  
13 except on court order or with the consent of the person who is the  
14 subject of the information; and

15 (3) shall be destroyed by the board after the  
16 information is used for the authorized purposes.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.