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> A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to providing certain information to a criminal defendant at the time the defendant is placed on deferred adjudication community supervision and at the time of the dismissal of certain proceedings against the defendant.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (c-1) to read as follows:

Before placing a defendant on deferred adjudication (a-1)community supervision under this section, the court shall inform the defendant of the defendant's right to petition the court for an order of nondisclosure under Section 411.081, Government Code, unless the defendant is ineligible to pursue that right because of:

(1) the nature of the offense for which the defendant

is placed on deferred adjudication community supervision; or

(2) the defendant's criminal history.

(c-1) A judge who dismisses the proceedings against a defendant and discharges the defendant under Subsection (c) shall:

(1) provide the defendant with a copy of the order of

dismissal and discharge; and

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(2) if applicable, inform the defendant of the defendant's eligibility to petition the court for an order of nondisclosure under Section 411.081, Government Code, and the earliest date the defendant is eligible to file the petition for the order of nondisclosure.

SECTION 2. Section 5(a-1), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, applies to a defendant placed on deferred adjudication community supervision on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the offense for which the defendant is placed on deferred adjudication community

supervision is committed before, on, or after that date.

SECTION 3. Section 5(c-1), Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, applies to an order of dismissal and discharge entered on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the defendant is placed on deferred adjudication community supervision before, on, or after that date.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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