

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain communications and records made or collected in reference to certain sexual assault survivors.

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

SECTION 1. Article 56.065, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

(j) A communication or record that contains identifying information regarding a person who receives a forensic medical examination under this article and that is created by, provided to, or in the control or possession of the department is confidential for purposes of Section 552.101, Government Code. In this subsection, "identifying information" includes:

(1) information revealing the identity, personal history, or background of the person; or

(2) information concerning the victimization of the person.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2966 was passed by the House on April 26, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2966 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor