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H.B. No. 382

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of certain settlements utilizing public funds.

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

SECTION 1. Section 111, Civil Practices and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 111.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 111.007

(a) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT. In civil cases in which a settlement agreement is funded in whole or in part by taxpayer dollars or releases claims against a State or local governmental entity or public official, the State government or local governmental entities shall not require or impose any other condition on any party to agree to any provision or other condition of any settlement agreement that requires any party to keep allegations, evidence, settlement amounts or any other information confidential from any other person, including but not limited to any member of the media.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.