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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the confidentiality of certain information held by the  
3 Department of Family and Protective Services.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 42, Human Resources Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 42.004 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 42.004. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATION INFORMATION.

8 A photograph, videotape, audiotape, or other audio or visual  
9 recording, depiction, or documentation of a child that is made by  
10 the department in the course of an inspection or investigation  
11 authorized by this chapter or Section 261.401, Family Code, is  
12 confidential, is not subject to release under Chapter 552,  
13 Government Code, and may be released only as required by state or  
14 federal law or rules adopted by the executive commissioner.

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