

AN ACT

relating to the social security numbers of school district employees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.024, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), each ~~Each~~ employee or official of a governmental body and each former employee or official of a governmental body shall choose whether to allow public access to the information in the custody of the governmental body that relates to the person's home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or social security number, or that reveals whether the person has family members.

(a-1) A school district may not require an employee or former employee of the district to choose whether to allow public access to the employee's or former employee's social security number.

SECTION 2. Section 552.147, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the ~~The~~ social security number of a living person is excepted from the

1 requirements of Section 552.021, but is not confidential under this
2 section and this section does not make the social security number of
3 a living person confidential under another provision of this
4 chapter or other law.

5 (a-1) The social security number of an employee of a school
6 district in the custody of the district is confidential.

7 SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 11.1514 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 11.1514. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS. The board of
10 trustees of an independent school district shall adopt a policy
11 prohibiting the use of the social security number of an employee of
12 the district as an employee identifier other than for tax purposes.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2961 was passed by the House on May 1, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2961 was passed by the Senate on May 14, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor