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H.B. No. 2961

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the social security numbers of school district  
3 employees.

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

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

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

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

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

22 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), the ~~[The]~~ social  
23 security number of a living person is excepted from the  
24 requirements of Section 552.021, but is not confidential under this

1 section and this section does not make the social security number of  
2 a living person confidential under another provision of this  
3 chapter or other law.

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

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

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

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