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S.B. No. 1621

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dissemination of Criminal History Record Information.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, is amended by adding Section 552.155 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.155. EXCEPTION: BULK DATA COMPILED THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. (a) Public information that is produced, collected, assembled, or maintained by a governmental body through the administration of criminal justice is exempted from bulk dissemination.

(b) In this section:

(1) "Administration of criminal justice" has the meaning assigned by Article 60.01, Code of Criminal Procedure;

(2) "Bulk dissemination" means the production by a governmental body of information obtained by the body through the administration of criminal justice that relates to offenses committed by 10 or more separate individuals.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect immediately 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, 2013.