

1-1 By: Wu, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 331
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
 1-3 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 18, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the sealing of certain court documents filed
 1-20 electronically in a child protection suit.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 262.011 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 262.011. SEALING OF COURT RECORDS FILED
 1-25 ELECTRONICALLY. For purposes of determining whether to seal
 1-26 documents in accordance with Rule 76a, Texas Rules of Civil
 1-27 Procedure, in a suit under this subtitle, the court shall consider
 1-28 documents filed through an electronic filing system in the same
 1-29 manner as any other document filed with the court.

1-30 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
 1-31 suit affecting the parent-child relationship that is pending in a
 1-32 trial court on or filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-34 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-35 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-36 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-37 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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