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S.B. No. 56

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the disclosure of records produced in the course of an
3 investigation related to educator misconduct.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 21.063 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 21.063. INVESTIGATION RECORDS. (a) A record produced
8 by the board in the course of an investigation involving an alleged
9 incident of educator misconduct, if the record is involving a
10 complaint determined to be groundless, is confidential and not
11 subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

12 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) and except as otherwise
13 provided by a court order prohibiting disclosure, a record produced
14 by the board in the course of an investigation involving an alleged
15 incident of educator misconduct may be used in a disciplinary
16 proceeding against a teacher or administrator based on a report
17 submitted under Section 21.006 concerning an alleged incident of
18 misconduct, if permissible under rules of evidence applicable to a
19 contested case, as provided by Section 2001.081, Government Code.
20 The record remains confidential and not subject to disclosure under
21 Chapter 552, Government Code, unless it becomes a part of the record
22 in a contested case under Chapter 2001, Government Code.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.