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H.B. No. 349

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to the disclosure under the public information law of  
3 certain information related to parades, concerts, or other events  
4 open to the general public that are paid for with public funds.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 552.104, Government Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the [The]  
10 requirement of Section 552.022 that a category of information  
11 listed under Section 552.022(a) is public information and not  
12 excepted from required disclosure under this chapter unless  
13 expressly confidential under law does not apply to information that  
14 is excepted from required disclosure under this section.

15 (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to information described  
16 by Section 552.022(a) relating to the receipt or expenditure of  
17 public or other funds by a governmental body for a parade, concert,  
18 or other event open to the general public and paid for in whole or  
19 part with public funds. A person, including a governmental body,  
20 may not include a provision in a contract related to an event  
21 described by this subsection that prohibits or would otherwise  
22 prevent the disclosure of information described by this subsection.  
23 A contract provision that violates this subsection is void.

24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to:

2           (1) a request for information that is received by a  
3 governmental body or an officer for public information on or after  
4 the effective date of this Act; and

5           (2) a contract entered into or renewed on or after the  
6 effective date of this Act.

7           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.