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H.B. No. 677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sealing of records of certain juveniles placed on  
determinate sentence probation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58.003(b), Family Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

(b) A court may not order the sealing of the records of a  
person who has received a determinate sentence for engaging in  
delinquent conduct that violated a penal law listed in Section  
53.045 or engaging in habitual felony conduct as described by  
Section 51.031 unless the person was placed on determinate sentence  
probation. The court may order the sealing of the records of a  
person placed on determinate sentence probation after the court  
holds a hearing to determine whether to seal the records if:

(1) the court discharged the person from the sentence  
of probation under Section 54.051 or after the person successfully  
completed the sentence;

(2) the person was not transferred to a district court  
under Section 54.051; and

(3) the conditions listed under Subsections (a)(1) and  
(2) and Subsections (c)(1)-(4) are met.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the  
sealing of records in the adjudication of a juvenile case on or  
after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the

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1 adjudication occurred before, on, or after the effective date of  
2 this Act.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.