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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an exception from required disclosure of information related to certain crime victims maintained by a county or district clerk.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 552.1315 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.1315.  EXCEPTION: CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN CRIME VICTIM RECORDS. Information maintained by a county or district clerk is confidential and not subject to disclosure under this chapter if the information identifies an individual as:

(1)  a victim of an offense under Section 22.011 or 22.021, Penal Code; or

(2)  a victim of any criminal offense, if the victim was younger than 17 years of age when any element of the offense was committed.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies to a request for information that is received by a governmental body or an officer for public information on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if 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, 2019.