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By:  West S.B. No. 1580

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of investigation and proceeding information by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 33.036, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a)  To protect the public interest, the commission may disclose information relating to an investigation or proceeding under this chapter to:

(1)  a law enforcement agency;

(2)  a public official who is authorized or required by law to appoint a person to serve as a judge;

(3)  the supreme court; [~~or~~]

(4)  an entity that provides commission-ordered education to judges; or

(5)  the State Bar of Texas.

(c)  The State Bar of Texas may use information disclosed to the state bar under this section only to investigate and dispose of a complaint as provided by Subchapter E, Chapter 81.

SECTION 2.  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.