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H.B. No. 1351

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the confidentiality of certain information concerning  
3 service members of the United States armed forces and the state  
4 military forces.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 434.0205 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 434.0205. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO  
9 COMMISSION. (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who has  
10 served in:

11 (1) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine  
12 corps of the United States;

13 (2) the state military forces as defined by Section  
14 431.001; or

15 (3) an auxiliary service of one of those branches of  
16 the armed forces.

17 (b) Any information provided by a veteran to the commission  
18 to receive services or participate in commission programs is  
19 confidential and not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552.

20 SECTION 2. Section 552.117(a), Government Code, as amended  
21 by Chapters 34 (S.B. 1576), 190 (S.B. 42), and 1006 (H.B. 1278),  
22 Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, is reenacted  
23 and amended to read as follows:

24 (a) Information is excepted from the requirements of

1 Section 552.021 if it is information that relates to the home  
2 address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or  
3 social security number of the following person or that reveals  
4 whether the person has family members:

5 (1) a current or former official or employee of a  
6 governmental body, except as otherwise provided by Section 552.024;

7 (2) a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of  
8 Criminal Procedure, or a security officer commissioned under  
9 Section 51.212, Education Code, regardless of whether the officer  
10 complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable;

11 (3) a current or former employee of the Texas  
12 Department of Criminal Justice or of the predecessor in function of  
13 the department or any division of the department, regardless of  
14 whether the current or former employee complies with Section  
15 552.1175;

16 (4) a peace officer as defined by Article 2.12, Code of  
17 Criminal Procedure, or other law, a reserve law enforcement  
18 officer, a commissioned deputy game warden, or a corrections  
19 officer in a municipal, county, or state penal institution in this  
20 state who was killed in the line of duty, regardless of whether the  
21 deceased complied with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

22 (5) a commissioned security officer as defined by  
23 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code, regardless of whether the  
24 officer complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175, as applicable;

25 (6) an officer or employee of a community supervision  
26 and corrections department established under Chapter 76 who  
27 performs a duty described by Section 76.004(b), regardless of

1 whether the officer or employee complies with Section 552.024 or  
2 552.1175;

3 (7) a current or former employee of the office of the  
4 attorney general who is or was assigned to a division of that office  
5 the duties of which involve law enforcement, regardless of whether  
6 the current or former employee complies with Section 552.024 or  
7 552.1175;

8 (8) a current or former employee of the Texas Juvenile  
9 Justice Department or of the predecessors in function of the  
10 department, regardless of whether the current or former employee  
11 complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

12 (9) a current or former juvenile probation or  
13 supervision officer certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice  
14 Department, or the predecessors in function of the department,  
15 under Title 12, Human Resources Code, regardless of whether the  
16 current or former officer complies with Section 552.024 or  
17 552.1175;

18 (10) a current or former employee of a juvenile  
19 justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section  
20 261.405, Family Code, regardless of whether the current or former  
21 employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

22 (11) a current or former member of the United States  
23 army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps, an auxiliary  
24 service of one of those branches of the armed forces, or the Texas  
25 military forces, as that term is defined by Section 437.001; [~~or~~]

26 (12) a current or former district attorney, criminal  
27 district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose

1 jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services  
2 matters, regardless of whether the current or former attorney  
3 complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175; ~~or~~

4 (13) a current or former employee of a district  
5 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal  
6 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child  
7 protective services matters, regardless of whether the current or  
8 former employee complies with Section 552.024 or 552.1175;

9 (14) ~~(12)~~ a current or former employee of the Texas  
10 Civil Commitment Office or of the predecessor in function of the  
11 office or a division of the office, regardless of whether the  
12 current or former employee complies with Section 552.024 or  
13 552.1175; or

14 (15) ~~(12)~~ a current or former federal judge or state  
15 judge, as those terms are defined by Section 13.0021(a), Election  
16 Code, or a spouse of a current or former federal judge or state  
17 judge; ~~or~~

18 ~~(13) a current or former district attorney, criminal~~  
19 ~~district attorney, or county attorney whose jurisdiction includes~~  
20 ~~any criminal law or child protective services matter].~~

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.