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S.B. No. 1580

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the disclosure of investigation and proceeding
3 information by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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

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

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

- 11 (1) a law enforcement agency;
12 (2) a public official who is authorized or required by
13 law to appoint a person to serve as a judge;
14 (3) the supreme court; ~~or~~
15 (4) an entity that provides commission-ordered
16 education to judges; or
17 (5) the State Bar of Texas.

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

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.