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S.B. No. 418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to disclosure to legislators of certain attorney grievance information.

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

SECTION 1. Section 81.0885, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) All types of information, proceedings, hearing transcripts, and statements presented to the ombudsman are confidential and may not be disclosed to any person other than the chief disciplinary counsel unless:

(1) disclosure is ordered by a court; or

(2) a member of the legislature requests disclosure and the complainant consents to disclosure.

(c) A member of the legislature to whom information, proceedings, hearing transcripts, or statements presented to the ombudsman are disclosed under Subsection (a) may use the information, proceedings, hearing transcripts, or statements only in the performance of a power or duty associated with the member's office.

SECTION 2. Section 81.0885, Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a disclosure of information, proceedings, hearing transcripts, and statements presented to the ombudsman for the attorney discipline system of the State Bar of Texas that occurs

1 on or after the effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.