H.B. No. 30

AN ACT

relating to access to certain law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 552.108, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d)  The exception to disclosure provided by Subsection (a)(2) does not apply to information, records, or notations if:

(1)  a person who is described by or depicted in the information, record, or notation, other than a peace officer, is deceased or incapacitated; or

(2)  each person who is described by or depicted in the information, record, or notation, other than a person who is deceased or incapacitated, consents to the release of the information, record, or notation.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to a request for public information 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 September 1, 2023.

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  President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 30 was passed by the House on May 5, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 118, Nays 24, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 30 on May 23, 2023, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 30 on May 28, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 125, Nays 15, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 30 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 30 on May 28, 2023, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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