By:  Bumgarner (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 4615

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2023; April 24, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs; May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock         X

Parker          X

Blanco          X

Eckhardt        X

Gutierrez                 X

Hall            X

Sparks          X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the confidentiality of certain information concerning service members of the state military forces.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 437.232(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  In this section, "military personnel information" means a service member's name, Department of Defense identification number, home address, rank, official title, pay rate or grade, state active duty orders, deployment locations, military duty addresses, awards and decorations, length of military service, and medical records.

SECTION 2.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a request for information that is received by a governmental body or an officer for public information on or after the effective date of this Act. A request for information that was received before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the request was received, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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