By: Button H.B. No. 2788

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to fraud detection information and the public information
- 3 law.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 301.085, Government Code, is amended by
- 6 amending Subsections (a) and (c) to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 301.085. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, [AND] JOB
- 8 MATCHING SERVICES INFORMATION, AND FRAUD DETECTION INFORMATION;
- 9 OFFENSE; PENALTY. (a) In this section:
- 10 (1) "Job matching services information" means
- 11 information in the records of the commission that pertains to the
- 12 commission's job matching services provided to employers and job
- 13 seekers through the Internet, workforce centers, or other means.
- 14 (2) "Unemployment compensation information" means
- 15 information in the records of the commission that pertains to the
- 16 administration of Subtitle A, including any information collected,
- 17 received, developed, or maintained in the administration of
- 18 unemployment compensation benefits or the unemployment
- 19 compensation tax system.
- 20 (3) "Fraud detection information" means any
- 21 information, including risk assessments, reports, data, protocols,
- 22 <u>technology specifications, manuals, instructions, investigative</u>
- 23 materials, crossmatches, mental impressions, and communications
- 24 that may reveal the methods or means by which the commission

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- 1 prevents, detects, investigates, or evaluates fraud in the
- 2 administration of unemployment compensation benefits and the
- 3 <u>unemployment compensation tax programs.</u>
- 4 (c) Unemployment compensation information, [and] job
- 5 matching services information, and fraud detection information are
- 6 not public information for purposes of Chapter 552, Government
- 7 Code.
- 8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 12 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.