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H.B. No. 3180

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the contents of a request for disclosure in a civil action brought under the Family Code.

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

SECTION 1. Section 301.052(a), Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A party may request disclosure under Section 301.051 of any or all of the following:

(1) the correct names of the parties to the action;

(2) the name, address, and telephone number of any potential parties;

(3) the legal theories and, in general, the factual bases of the responding party's claims or defenses;

(4) the amount and any method of calculating economic damages;

(5) the name, address, and telephone number of any person having knowledge of relevant facts and a brief statement of each identified person's connection with the action;

(6) for any testifying expert:

(A) the expert's name, address, and telephone number;

(B) the subject matter on which the expert will testify;

(C) the general substance of the expert's mental

1 impressions and opinions and a brief summary of the basis for those
2 impressions and opinions, or if the expert is not retained by,
3 employed by, or otherwise subject to the control of the responding
4 party, documents reflecting that information; and

5 (D) if the expert is retained by, employed by, or
6 otherwise subject to the control of the responding party:

7 (i) all documents, tangible things,
8 reports, models, or data compilations that have been provided to,
9 reviewed by, or prepared by or for the expert in anticipation of the
10 expert's testimony; and

11 (ii) the expert's current resume and
12 biography;

13 (7) any discoverable settlement agreement described
14 by Rule 192.3(g), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure;

15 (8) any discoverable witness statement [~~settlement~~]
16 described by Rule 192.3(h), Texas Rules of Civil Procedure;

17 (9) in an action alleging physical or mental injury
18 and damages from the occurrence that is the subject of the action:

19 (A) all medical records and bills that are
20 reasonably related to the injuries or damages asserted; or

21 (B) an authorization permitting the disclosure
22 of the information described by Paragraph (A);

23 (10) in an action alleging physical or mental injury
24 and damages from the occurrence that is the subject of the action,
25 all medical records and bills obtained by the responding party
26 through an authorization provided by the requesting party; and

27 (11) the name, address, and telephone number of any

1 person who may be designated as a responsible third party.

2 SECTION 2. Section 301.052(a), Family Code, as amended by
3 this Act, applies to an action that is pending in a trial court on
4 the effective date of this Act or that is filed on or after that
5 date.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.