

**SUBJECT:** Prohibiting release of certain license holder information

**COMMITTEE:** State Affairs — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 13 ayes — Hunter, Hernandez, Anchía, Dean, Geren, Guillen, Metcalf, Raymond, Slawson, Smithee, Spiller, S. Thompson, Turner

0 nays

**WITNESSES:** For — Joseph McCoy, Texas Psychological Association (*Registered, but did not testify*; Nadia Islam, City of San Antonio; James Parnell, Dallas Police Association; Ray Hunt, Houston Police Officers' Union; Anthony Kivela, Houston Police Retired Officer's Association; Liz Boyce, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault; Krista Del Gallo, Texas Council on Family Violence; John Wilkerson, Texas Municipal Police Association; AJ Louderback, Texas Sheriff's Regional Alliance; Thomas Parkinson;)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Nycia Deal, Health & Human Services Commission; Shawn Hall Lecuona, Kri'ah b'shalom)

**BACKGROUND:** Some have suggested that the state could reduce safety risks for survivors of family violence, sexual abuse, and trafficking by increasing protections for survivors' identifying information.

**DIGEST:** HB 3130 would prohibit a governmental body from selling or otherwise releasing the name and certain identifying information of a person who held, previously held, or was an applicant for a license issued by the governmental body and notified a government body on a form provided by the attorney general or government body that the person:

- was a current or former client of a family violence shelter center, victims of trafficking shelter center, or sexual assault program or was a survivor of family violence, domestic violence, or sexual assault; and

- chose to restrict public access to the information.

The bill would require the attorney general, as soon as practicable after the bill's effective date, to prepare the form and make it available on its website, notify family violence shelter centers, victims of trafficking shelter centers, and sexual assault programs of the availability and purpose of the form.

A governmental body could redact certain information from a response to a request for a list or directory of current or former license holders or license applicants without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.

NOTES:

According to the Legislative Budget Board, the bill would have a negative impact on general revenue related funds of \$1,445,792 through fiscal 2024-25.