

1-1 By: Moody (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 510  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2015;  
1-3 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
1-4 Justice; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Whitmire	X		
1-9	Huffman	X		
1-10	Burton	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Hinojosa	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Perry	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to disclosure of certain information about expert  
1-18 witnesses in a criminal case.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Article 39.14(b), Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 (b) On ~~[motion of]~~ a party's request made not later than the  
1-23 30th day before the date that jury selection in the trial is  
1-24 scheduled to begin or, in a trial without a jury, the presentation  
1-25 of evidence is scheduled to begin, the party receiving the request  
1-26 shall ~~[party and on notice to the other parties, the court in which~~  
1-27 ~~an action is pending may order one or more of the other parties to]~~  
1-28 disclose to the requesting party ~~[making the motion]~~ the name and  
1-29 address of each person the disclosing ~~[other]~~ party may use at trial  
1-30 to present evidence under Rules 702, 703, and 705, Texas Rules of  
1-31 Evidence. Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the  
1-32 disclosure must be made in writing in hard copy form or by  
1-33 electronic means [The court shall specify in the order the time and  
1-34 manner in which the other party must make the disclosure to the  
1-35 moving party, but in specifying the time in which the other party  
1-36 shall make disclosure the court shall require the other party to  
1-37 make the disclosure] not later than the 20th day before the date  
1-38 that jury selection in the trial is scheduled to begin or, in a  
1-39 trial without a jury, the presentation of evidence is scheduled to  
1-40 begin. On motion of a party and on notice to the other parties, the  
1-41 court may order an earlier time at which one or more of the other  
1-42 parties must make the disclosure to the requesting party [begins].

1-43 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the  
1-44 prosecution of an offense committed on or after the effective date  
1-45 of this Act. The prosecution of an offense committed before the  
1-46 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
1-47 date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in  
1-48 effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense  
1-49 is committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of  
1-50 the offense occurs before the effective date.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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