

1-1 By: Bell of Kaufman (Senate Sponsor - Johnson) H.B. No. 4295
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
1-3 May 12, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
1-4 Human Services; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the authorized release and confidentiality of an
1-20 autopsy report.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 11, Article 49.25, Code of Criminal
1-23 Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-24 (c) The medical examiner may release a copy of an autopsy
1-25 report of a deceased person to any organ and tissue procurement
1-26 organization, hospital, or other covered entity as defined by
1-27 Section 181.001, Health and Safety Code, that treated the deceased
1-28 person before death or procured any anatomical gift from the body of
1-29 the deceased person. The release of a report under this subsection
1-30 is not considered a disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.
1-31 A report obtained under this subsection is confidential and not
1-32 subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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