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**HB2359**

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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

5 ILCS 140/7

from Ch. 116, par. 207

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that identification information relating to mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect contained in records of a law enforcement agency or the Department of Children and Family Services is exempt from inspection and copying under the Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Freedom of Information Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 7 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 140/7) (from Ch. 116, par. 207)

7 Sec. 7. Exemptions.

8 (1) The following shall be exempt from inspection and  
9 copying:

10 (a) Information specifically prohibited from  
11 disclosure by federal or State law or rules and regulations  
12 adopted under federal or State law.

13 (b) Information that, if disclosed, would constitute a  
14 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless  
15 the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual  
16 subjects of the information. The disclosure of information  
17 that bears on the public duties of public employees and  
18 officials shall not be considered an invasion of personal  
19 privacy. Information exempted under this subsection (b)  
20 shall include but is not limited to:

21 (i) files and personal information maintained with  
22 respect to clients, patients, residents, students or  
23 other individuals receiving social, medical,  
24 educational, vocational, financial, supervisory or  
25 custodial care or services directly or indirectly from  
26 federal agencies or public bodies;

27 (ii) personnel files and personal information  
28 maintained with respect to employees, appointees or  
29 elected officials of any public body or applicants for  
30 those positions;

31 (iii) files and personal information maintained  
32 with respect to any applicant, registrant or licensee

1 by any public body cooperating with or engaged in  
2 professional or occupational registration, licensure  
3 or discipline;

4 (iv) information required of any taxpayer in  
5 connection with the assessment or collection of any tax  
6 unless disclosure is otherwise required by State  
7 statute;

8 (v) information revealing the identity of persons  
9 who file complaints with or provide information to  
10 administrative, investigative, law enforcement or  
11 penal agencies; provided, however, that identification  
12 of witnesses to traffic accidents, traffic accident  
13 reports, and rescue reports may be provided by agencies  
14 of local government, except in a case for which a  
15 criminal investigation is ongoing, without  
16 constituting a clearly unwarranted per se invasion of  
17 personal privacy under this subsection; and

18 (vi) the names, addresses, or other personal  
19 information of participants and registrants in park  
20 district, forest preserve district, and conservation  
21 district programs.

22 (c) Records compiled by any public body for  
23 administrative enforcement proceedings and any law  
24 enforcement or correctional agency for law enforcement  
25 purposes or for internal matters of a public body, but only  
26 to the extent that disclosure would:

27 (i) interfere with pending or actually and  
28 reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceedings  
29 conducted by any law enforcement or correctional  
30 agency;

31 (ii) interfere with pending administrative  
32 enforcement proceedings conducted by any public body;

33 (iii) deprive a person of a fair trial or an  
34 impartial hearing;

35 (iv) unavoidably disclose the identity of a  
36 confidential source or confidential information

1 furnished only by the confidential source;

2 (v) disclose unique or specialized investigative  
3 techniques other than those generally used and known or  
4 disclose internal documents of correctional agencies  
5 related to detection, observation or investigation of  
6 incidents of crime or misconduct;

7 (vi) constitute an invasion of personal privacy  
8 under subsection (b) of this Section;

9 (vii) endanger the life or physical safety of law  
10 enforcement personnel or any other person; or

11 (viii) obstruct an ongoing criminal investigation.

12 (d) Criminal history record information maintained by  
13 State or local criminal justice agencies, except the  
14 following which shall be open for public inspection and  
15 copying:

16 (i) chronologically maintained arrest information,  
17 such as traditional arrest logs or blotters;

18 (ii) the name of a person in the custody of a law  
19 enforcement agency and the charges for which that  
20 person is being held;

21 (iii) court records that are public;

22 (iv) records that are otherwise available under  
23 State or local law; or

24 (v) records in which the requesting party is the  
25 individual identified, except as provided under part  
26 (vii) of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this  
27 Section.

28 "Criminal history record information" means data  
29 identifiable to an individual and consisting of  
30 descriptions or notations of arrests, detentions,  
31 indictments, informations, pre-trial proceedings, trials,  
32 or other formal events in the criminal justice system or  
33 descriptions or notations of criminal charges (including  
34 criminal violations of local municipal ordinances) and the  
35 nature of any disposition arising therefrom, including  
36 sentencing, court or correctional supervision,

1 rehabilitation and release. The term does not apply to  
2 statistical records and reports in which individuals are  
3 not identified and from which their identities are not  
4 ascertainable, or to information that is for criminal  
5 investigative or intelligence purposes.

6 (e) Records that relate to or affect the security of  
7 correctional institutions and detention facilities.

8 (f) Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations,  
9 memoranda and other records in which opinions are  
10 expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except  
11 that a specific record or relevant portion of a record  
12 shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and  
13 identified by the head of the public body. The exemption  
14 provided in this paragraph (f) extends to all those records  
15 of officers and agencies of the General Assembly that  
16 pertain to the preparation of legislative documents.

17 (g) Trade secrets and commercial or financial  
18 information obtained from a person or business where the  
19 trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged  
20 or confidential, or where disclosure of the trade secrets  
21 or information may cause competitive harm, including all  
22 information determined to be confidential under Section  
23 4002 of the Technology Advancement and Development Act.  
24 Nothing contained in this paragraph (g) shall be construed  
25 to prevent a person or business from consenting to  
26 disclosure.

27 (h) Proposals and bids for any contract, grant, or  
28 agreement, including information which if it were  
29 disclosed would frustrate procurement or give an advantage  
30 to any person proposing to enter into a contractor  
31 agreement with the body, until an award or final selection  
32 is made. Information prepared by or for the body in  
33 preparation of a bid solicitation shall be exempt until an  
34 award or final selection is made.

35 (i) Valuable formulae, computer geographic systems,  
36 designs, drawings and research data obtained or produced by

1 any public body when disclosure could reasonably be  
2 expected to produce private gain or public loss. The  
3 exemption for "computer geographic systems" provided in  
4 this paragraph (i) does not extend to requests made by news  
5 media as defined in Section 2 of this Act when the  
6 requested information is not otherwise exempt and the only  
7 purpose of the request is to access and disseminate  
8 information regarding the health, safety, welfare, or  
9 legal rights of the general public.

10 (j) Test questions, scoring keys and other examination  
11 data used to administer an academic examination or  
12 determined the qualifications of an applicant for a license  
13 or employment.

14 (k) Architects' plans, engineers' technical  
15 submissions, and other construction related technical  
16 documents for projects not constructed or developed in  
17 whole or in part with public funds and the same for  
18 projects constructed or developed with public funds, but  
19 only to the extent that disclosure would compromise  
20 security, including but not limited to water treatment  
21 facilities, airport facilities, sport stadiums, convention  
22 centers, and all government owned, operated, or occupied  
23 buildings.

24 (l) Library circulation and order records identifying  
25 library users with specific materials.

26 (m) Minutes of meetings of public bodies closed to the  
27 public as provided in the Open Meetings Act until the  
28 public body makes the minutes available to the public under  
29 Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.

30 (n) Communications between a public body and an  
31 attorney or auditor representing the public body that would  
32 not be subject to discovery in litigation, and materials  
33 prepared or compiled by or for a public body in  
34 anticipation of a criminal, civil or administrative  
35 proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the  
36 public body, and materials prepared or compiled with

1 respect to internal audits of public bodies.

2 (o) Information received by a primary or secondary  
3 school, college or university under its procedures for the  
4 evaluation of faculty members by their academic peers.

5 (p) Administrative or technical information associated  
6 with automated data processing operations, including but  
7 not limited to software, operating protocols, computer  
8 program abstracts, file layouts, source listings, object  
9 modules, load modules, user guides, documentation  
10 pertaining to all logical and physical design of  
11 computerized systems, employee manuals, and any other  
12 information that, if disclosed, would jeopardize the  
13 security of the system or its data or the security of  
14 materials exempt under this Section.

15 (q) Documents or materials relating to collective  
16 negotiating matters between public bodies and their  
17 employees or representatives, except that any final  
18 contract or agreement shall be subject to inspection and  
19 copying.

20 (r) Drafts, notes, recommendations and memoranda  
21 pertaining to the financing and marketing transactions of  
22 the public body. The records of ownership, registration,  
23 transfer, and exchange of municipal debt obligations, and  
24 of persons to whom payment with respect to these  
25 obligations is made.

26 (s) The records, documents and information relating to  
27 real estate purchase negotiations until those negotiations  
28 have been completed or otherwise terminated. With regard to  
29 a parcel involved in a pending or actually and reasonably  
30 contemplated eminent domain proceeding under Article VII  
31 of the Code of Civil Procedure, records, documents and  
32 information relating to that parcel shall be exempt except  
33 as may be allowed under discovery rules adopted by the  
34 Illinois Supreme Court. The records, documents and  
35 information relating to a real estate sale shall be exempt  
36 until a sale is consummated.

1           (t) Any and all proprietary information and records  
2 related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk  
3 management association or self-insurance pool or jointly  
4 self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool.

5           (u) Information concerning a university's adjudication  
6 of student or employee grievance or disciplinary cases, to  
7 the extent that disclosure would reveal the identity of the  
8 student or employee and information concerning any public  
9 body's adjudication of student or employee grievances or  
10 disciplinary cases, except for the final outcome of the  
11 cases.

12           (v) Course materials or research materials used by  
13 faculty members.

14           (w) Information related solely to the internal  
15 personnel rules and practices of a public body.

16           (x) Information contained in or related to  
17 examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by,  
18 on behalf of, or for the use of a public body responsible  
19 for the regulation or supervision of financial  
20 institutions or insurance companies, unless disclosure is  
21 otherwise required by State law.

22           (y) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
23 under Section 5-108 of the Public Utilities Act.

24           (z) Manuals or instruction to staff that relate to  
25 establishment or collection of liability for any State tax  
26 or that relate to investigations by a public body to  
27 determine violation of any criminal law.

28           (aa) Applications, related documents, and medical  
29 records received by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
30 Procedures Board and any and all documents or other records  
31 prepared by the Experimental Organ Transplantation  
32 Procedures Board or its staff relating to applications it  
33 has received.

34           (bb) Insurance or self insurance (including any  
35 intergovernmental risk management association or self  
36 insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management



1 information, records, data, advice or communications.

2 (cc) Information and records held by the Department of  
3 Public Health and its authorized representatives relating  
4 to known or suspected cases of sexually transmissible  
5 disease or any information the disclosure of which is  
6 restricted under the Illinois Sexually Transmissible  
7 Disease Control Act.

8 (dd) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
9 under Section 30 of the Radon Industry Licensing Act.

10 (ee) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55 of  
11 the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying  
12 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

13 (ff) Security portions of system safety program plans,  
14 investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists, data, or  
15 information compiled, collected, or prepared by or for the  
16 Regional Transportation Authority under Section 2.11 of  
17 the Regional Transportation Authority Act or the St. Clair  
18 County Transit District under the Bi-State Transit Safety  
19 Act.

20 (gg) Information the disclosure of which is restricted  
21 and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois Prepaid  
22 Tuition Act.

23 (hh) Information the disclosure of which is exempted  
24 under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

25 (ii) Beginning July 1, 1999, information that would  
26 disclose or might lead to the disclosure of secret or  
27 confidential information, codes, algorithms, programs, or  
28 private keys intended to be used to create electronic or  
29 digital signatures under the Electronic Commerce Security  
30 Act.

31 (jj) Information contained in a local emergency energy  
32 plan submitted to a municipality in accordance with a local  
33 emergency energy plan ordinance that is adopted under  
34 Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

35 (kk) Information and data concerning the distribution  
36 of surcharge moneys collected and remitted by wireless

1 carriers under the Wireless Emergency Telephone Safety  
2 Act.

3 (ll) Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and  
4 response policies or plans that are designed to identify,  
5 prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a community's  
6 population or systems, facilities, or installations, the  
7 destruction or contamination of which would constitute a  
8 clear and present danger to the health or safety of the  
9 community, but only to the extent that disclosure could  
10 reasonably be expected to jeopardize the effectiveness of  
11 the measures or the safety of the personnel who implement  
12 them or the public. Information exempt under this item may  
13 include such things as details pertaining to the  
14 mobilization or deployment of personnel or equipment, to  
15 the operation of communication systems or protocols, or to  
16 tactical operations.

17 (mm) Maps and other records regarding the location or  
18 security of a utility's generation, transmission,  
19 distribution, storage, gathering, treatment, or switching  
20 facilities.

21 (nn) Law enforcement officer identification  
22 information or driver identification information compiled  
23 by a law enforcement agency or the Department of  
24 Transportation under Section 11-212 of the Illinois  
25 Vehicle Code.

26 (oo) Records and information provided to a residential  
27 health care facility resident sexual assault and death  
28 review team or the Residential Health Care Facility  
29 Resident Sexual Assault and Death Review Teams Executive  
30 Council under the Residential Health Care Facility  
31 Resident Sexual Assault and Death Review Team Act.

32 (pp) Identification information relating to mandated  
33 reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect contained in  
34 records of a law enforcement agency or the Department of  
35 Children and Family Services.

36 (2) This Section does not authorize withholding of

1 information or limit the availability of records to the public,  
2 except as stated in this Section or otherwise provided in this  
3 Act.

4 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-241, eff. 8-3-01; 92-281,  
5 eff. 8-7-01; 92-645, eff. 7-11-02; 92-651, eff. 7-11-02; 93-43,  
6 eff. 7-1-03; 93-209, eff. 7-18-03; 93-237, eff. 7-22-03;  
7 93-325, eff. 7-23-03, 93-422, eff. 8-5-03; 93-577, eff.  
8 8-21-03; 93-617, eff. 12-9-03.)