

1 AN ACT concerning freedom of information.

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  
12 regulations adopted under federal or State law.

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

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

29 (ii) personnel files and personal information  
30 maintained with respect to employees, appointees or  
31 elected officials of any public body or applicants

1 for those positions;

2 (iii) files and personal information  
3 maintained with respect to any applicant, registrant  
4 or licensee by any public body cooperating with or  
5 engaged in professional or occupational  
6 registration, licensure or discipline;

7 (iv) information required of any taxpayer in  
8 connection with the assessment or collection of any  
9 tax unless disclosure is otherwise required by State  
10 statute; and

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

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  
26 only 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  
33 body;

34 (iii) deprive a person of a fair trial or an

1           impartial hearing;

2                   (iv) unavoidably disclose the identity of a  
3           confidential source or confidential information  
4           furnished only by the confidential source;

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

11                   (vi) constitute an invasion of personal  
12          privacy under subsection (b) of this Section;

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

15                   (viii) obstruct an ongoing criminal  
16          investigation.

17          (d) Criminal history record information maintained  
18          by State or local criminal justice agencies, except the  
19          following which shall be open for public inspection and  
20          copying:

21                   (i) chronologically maintained arrest  
22          information, such as traditional arrest logs or  
23          blotters;

24                   (ii) the name of a person in the custody of a  
25          law enforcement agency and the charges for which  
26          that person is being held;

27                   (iii) court records that are public;

28                   (iv) records that are otherwise available  
29          under State or local law; or

30                   (v) records in which the requesting party is  
31          the individual identified, except as provided under  
32          part (vii) of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of  
33          this Section.

34          "Criminal history record information" means data

1 identifiable to an individual and consisting of  
2 descriptions or notations of arrests, detentions,  
3 indictments, informations, pre-trial proceedings, trials,  
4 or other formal events in the criminal justice system or  
5 descriptions or notations of criminal charges (including  
6 criminal violations of local municipal ordinances) and  
7 the nature of any disposition arising therefrom,  
8 including sentencing, court or correctional supervision,  
9 rehabilitation and release. The term does not apply to  
10 statistical records and reports in which individuals are  
11 not identified and from which their identities are not  
12 ascertainable, or to information that is for criminal  
13 investigative or intelligence purposes.

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

16 (f) Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations,  
17 memoranda and other records in which opinions are  
18 expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except  
19 that a specific record or relevant portion of a record  
20 shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and  
21 identified by the head of the public body. The exemption  
22 provided in this paragraph (f) extends to all those  
23 records of officers and agencies of the General Assembly  
24 that pertain to the preparation of legislative documents.

25 (g) Trade secrets and commercial or financial  
26 information obtained from a person or business where the  
27 trade secrets or information are proprietary, privileged  
28 or confidential, or where disclosure of the trade secrets  
29 or information may cause competitive harm, including all  
30 information determined to be confidential under Section  
31 4002 of the Technology Advancement and Development Act.  
32 Nothing contained in this paragraph (g) shall be  
33 construed to prevent a person or business from consenting  
34 to disclosure.

1           (h) Proposals and bids for any contract, grant, or  
2 agreement, including information which if it were  
3 disclosed would frustrate procurement or give an  
4 advantage to any person proposing to enter into a  
5 contractor agreement with the body, until an award or  
6 final selection is made. Information prepared by or for  
7 the body in preparation of a bid solicitation shall be  
8 exempt until an award or final selection is made.

9           (i) Valuable formulae, computer geographic systems,  
10 designs, drawings and research data obtained or produced  
11 by any public body when disclosure could reasonably be  
12 expected to produce private gain or public loss. The  
13 exemption for "computer geographic systems" provided in  
14 this paragraph (i) does not extend to requests made by  
15 news media as defined in Section 2 of this Act when the  
16 requested information is not otherwise exempt and the  
17 only purpose of the request is to access and disseminate  
18 information regarding the health, safety, welfare, or  
19 legal rights of the general public.

20           (j) Test questions, scoring keys and other  
21 examination data used to administer an academic  
22 examination or determined the qualifications of an  
23 applicant for a license or employment.

24           (k) Architects' plans and engineers' technical  
25 submissions for projects not constructed or developed in  
26 whole or in part with public funds and for projects  
27 constructed or developed with public funds, to the extent  
28 that disclosure would compromise security.

29           (l) Library circulation and order records  
30 identifying library users with specific materials.

31           (m) Minutes of meetings of public bodies closed to  
32 the public as provided in the Open Meetings Act until the  
33 public body makes the minutes available to the public  
34 under Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.

1           (n) Communications between a public body and an  
2 attorney or auditor representing the public body that  
3 would not be subject to discovery in litigation, and  
4 materials prepared or compiled by or for a public body in  
5 anticipation of a criminal, civil or administrative  
6 proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the  
7 public body, and materials prepared or compiled with  
8 respect to internal audits of public bodies.

9           (o) Information received by a primary or secondary  
10 school, college or university under its procedures for  
11 the evaluation of faculty members by their academic  
12 peers.

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

23           (q) Documents or materials relating to collective  
24 negotiating matters between public bodies and their  
25 employees or representatives, except that any final  
26 contract or agreement shall be subject to inspection and  
27 copying.

28           (r) Drafts, notes, recommendations and memoranda  
29 pertaining to the financing and marketing transactions of  
30 the public body. The records of ownership, registration,  
31 transfer, and exchange of municipal debt obligations, and  
32 of persons to whom payment with respect to these  
33 obligations is made.

34           (s) The records, documents and information relating

1 to real estate purchase negotiations until those  
2 negotiations have been completed or otherwise terminated.  
3 With regard to a parcel involved in a pending or actually  
4 and reasonably contemplated eminent domain proceeding  
5 under Article VII of the Code of Civil Procedure,  
6 records, documents and information relating to that  
7 parcel shall be exempt except as may be allowed under  
8 discovery rules adopted by the Illinois Supreme Court.  
9 The records, documents and information relating to a real  
10 estate sale shall be exempt until a sale is consummated.

11 (t) Any and all proprietary information and records  
12 related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk  
13 management association or self-insurance pool or jointly  
14 self-administered health and accident cooperative or  
15 pool.

16 (u) Information concerning a university's  
17 adjudication of student or employee grievance or  
18 disciplinary cases, to the extent that disclosure would  
19 reveal the identity of the student or employee and  
20 information concerning any public body's adjudication of  
21 student or employee grievances or disciplinary cases,  
22 except for the final outcome of the cases.

23 (v) Course materials or research materials used by  
24 faculty members.

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

27 (x) Information contained in or related to  
28 examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by,  
29 on behalf of, or for the use of a public body responsible  
30 for the regulation or supervision of financial  
31 institutions or insurance companies, unless disclosure is  
32 otherwise required by State law.

33 (y) Information the disclosure of which is  
34 restricted under Section 5-108 of the Public Utilities

1 Act.

2 (z) Manuals or instruction to staff that relate to  
3 establishment or collection of liability for any State  
4 tax or that relate to investigations by a public body to  
5 determine violation of any criminal law.

6 (aa) Applications, related documents, and medical  
7 records received by the Experimental Organ  
8 Transplantation Procedures Board and any and all  
9 documents or other records prepared by the Experimental  
10 Organ Transplantation Procedures Board or its staff  
11 relating to applications it has received.

12 (bb) Insurance or self insurance (including any  
13 intergovernmental risk management association or self  
14 insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management  
15 information, records, data, advice or communications.

16 (cc) Information and records held by the Department  
17 of Public Health and its authorized representatives  
18 relating to known or suspected cases of sexually  
19 transmissible disease or any information the disclosure  
20 of which is restricted under the Illinois Sexually  
21 Transmissible Disease Control Act.

22 (dd) Information the disclosure of which is  
23 exempted under Section 30 of the Radon Industry Licensing  
24 Act.

25 (ee) Firm performance evaluations under Section 55  
26 of the Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying  
27 Qualifications Based Selection Act.

28 (ff) Security portions of system safety program  
29 plans, investigation reports, surveys, schedules, lists,  
30 data, or information compiled, collected, or prepared by  
31 or for the Regional Transportation Authority under  
32 Section 2.11 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act  
33 or the St. Clair County Transit District under the  
34 Bi-State Transit Safety Act.



1 (gg) Information the disclosure of which is  
2 restricted and exempted under Section 50 of the Illinois  
3 Prepaid Tuition Act.

4 (hh) Information the disclosure of which is  
5 exempted under Section 80 of the State Gift Ban Act.

6 (ii) Beginning July 1, 1999, information that would  
7 disclose or might lead to the disclosure of secret or  
8 confidential information, codes, algorithms, programs, or  
9 private keys intended to be used to create electronic or  
10 digital signatures under the Electronic Commerce Security  
11 Act.

12 (jj) Information contained in a local emergency  
13 energy plan submitted to a municipality in accordance  
14 with a local emergency energy plan ordinance that is  
15 adopted under Section 11-21.5-5 of the Illinois Municipal  
16 Code.

17 (kk) Information and data concerning the  
18 distribution of surcharge moneys collected and remitted  
19 by wireless carriers under the Wireless Emergency  
20 Telephone Safety Act.

21 (2) This Section does not authorize withholding of  
22 information or limit the availability of records to the  
23 public, except as stated in this Section or otherwise  
24 provided in this Act.

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26 91-660, eff. 12-22-99; 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 92-241, eff.  
27 8-3-01; 92-281, eff. 8-7-01; 92-645, eff. 7-11-02; 92-651,  
28 eff. 7-11-02.)

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30 1, 2003.