



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1542

Introduced 2/20/2015, by Sen. Heather A. Steans

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 430/20-90
5 ILCS 430/20-95

Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Provides that the head and employees of a State agency affected by or involved in an investigation shall keep confidential and shall not disclose information exempted from disclosure under the Act or the Freedom of Information Act. Permits disclosure of investigatory files, reports, and requests for information of or by the Office of an Executive Inspector General to the head of a State agency affected by or involved in an investigation.

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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 State Officials and Employees Ethics Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 20-90 and 20-95 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 430/20-90)

7 Sec. 20-90. Confidentiality.

8 (a) The identity of any individual providing information or
9 reporting any possible or alleged misconduct to an Executive
10 Inspector General or the Executive Ethics Commission shall be
11 kept confidential and may not be disclosed without the consent
12 of that individual, unless the individual consents to
13 disclosure of his or her name or disclosure of the individual's
14 identity is otherwise required by law. The confidentiality
15 granted by this subsection does not preclude the disclosure of
16 the identity of a person in any capacity other than as the
17 source of an allegation.

18 (b) Subject to the provisions of Section 20-52,
19 commissioners, employees, and agents of the Executive Ethics
20 Commission, the Executive Inspectors General, and employees
21 and agents of each Office of an Executive Inspector General,
22 the Attorney General, and the employees and agents of the
23 office of the Attorney General, and the head and employees of a

1 State agency affected by or involved in an investigation shall
2 keep confidential and shall not disclose information exempted
3 from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act or by this
4 Act, provided the identity of any individual providing
5 information or reporting any possible or alleged misconduct to
6 the Executive Inspector General for the Governor may be
7 disclosed to an Inspector General appointed or employed by a
8 Regional Transit Board in accordance with Section 75-10.

9 (Source: P.A. 96-555, eff. 8-18-09; 96-1528, eff. 7-1-11.)

10 (5 ILCS 430/20-95)

11 Sec. 20-95. Exemptions.

12 (a) Documents generated by an ethics officer under this
13 Act, except Section 5-50, are exempt from the provisions of the
14 Freedom of Information Act.

15 (b) Any allegations and related documents submitted to an
16 Executive Inspector General and any pleadings and related
17 documents brought before the Executive Ethics Commission are
18 exempt from the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act so
19 long as the Executive Ethics Commission does not make a finding
20 of a violation of this Act. If the Executive Ethics Commission
21 finds that a violation has occurred, the entire record of
22 proceedings before the Commission, the decision and
23 recommendation, and the response from the agency head or
24 ultimate jurisdictional authority to the Executive Ethics
25 Commission are not exempt from the provisions of the Freedom of

1 Information Act but information contained therein that is
2 otherwise exempt from the Freedom of Information Act must be
3 redacted before disclosure as provided in the Freedom of
4 Information Act. A summary report released by the Executive
5 Ethics Commission under Section 20-52 is a public record, but
6 information redacted by the Executive Ethics Commission shall
7 not be part of the public record.

8 (c) Meetings of the Commission are exempt from the
9 provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

10 (d) Unless otherwise provided in this Act, all
11 investigatory files, ~~and~~ reports and requests for information
12 of or by the Office of an Executive Inspector General, other
13 than monthly reports required under Section 20-85, are
14 confidential, are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of
15 Information Act, and shall not be divulged to any person or
16 agency, except as necessary (i) to a law enforcement authority,
17 (ii) to the ultimate jurisdictional authority, (iii) to the
18 Executive Ethics Commission, (iv) to another Inspector General
19 appointed pursuant to this Act, ~~or~~ (v) to an Inspector General
20 appointed or employed by a Regional Transit Board in accordance
21 with Section 75-10, or (vi) to the head of a State agency
22 affected by or involved in the investigation.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-555, eff. 8-18-09; 96-1528, eff. 7-1-11.)