



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 436



AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CONCERNING THE NONDISCLOSURE OF THE ADDRESSES OF CERTAIN PUBLIC AGENCY EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 1-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

3 (a) No public agency may disclose, under the Freedom of Information
4 Act, from its personnel, medical or similar files, the residential address
5 of any of the following persons: [employed by such public agency:]

6 (1) A federal court judge, federal court magistrate, judge of the
7 Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the state, or
8 family support magistrate;

9 (2) A sworn member of a municipal police department, a sworn
10 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of
11 Emergency Services and Public Protection or a sworn law enforcement
12 officer within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;

13 (3) An employee of the Department of Correction;

14 (4) An attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state in
15 a criminal prosecution;

16 (5) An attorney-at-law who is or has been employed by the Division
17 of Public Defender Services or a social worker who is employed by the
18 Division of Public Defender Services;

19 (6) An inspector employed by the Division of Criminal Justice;

20 (7) A firefighter;

21 (8) An employee of the Department of Children and Families;

22 (9) A member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles;

23 (10) An employee of the judicial branch;

24 (11) An employee of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
25 Services who provides direct care to patients;

26 (12) A member or employee of the Commission on Human Rights
27 and Opportunities; [or]

28 (13) A state marshal appointed by the State Marshal Commission
29 pursuant to section 6-38b; or

30 (14) Any other employee of a public agency, except when residency
31 is a condition or term of such person's employment.

32 (b) The business address of any person described in this section shall
33 be subject to disclosure under section 1-210. The provisions of this
34 section shall not apply to Department of Motor Vehicles records
35 described in section 14-10.

36 (c) (1) Except as provided in subsections (a), ~~(b)~~ and (d) of this section,
37 no public agency may disclose the residential address of any person
38 listed in subsection (a) of this section from any record described in
39 subdivision (2) of this subsection that is requested in accordance with
40 the provisions of said subdivision, regardless of whether such person is
41 an employee of the public agency, provided such person has (A)
42 submitted a written request for the nondisclosure of the person's
43 residential address to the public agency, and (B) furnished his or her

44 business address to the public agency.

45 (2) Any public agency that receives a request for a record subject to
46 disclosure under this chapter where such request (A) specifically names
47 a person who has requested that his or her address be kept confidential
48 under subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall make a copy of the record
49 requested to be disclosed and shall redact the copy to remove such
50 person's residential address prior to disclosing such record, (B) is for an
51 existing list that is derived from a readily accessible electronic database,
52 shall make a reasonable effort to redact the residential address of any
53 person who has requested that his or her address be kept confidential
54 under subdivision (1) of this subsection prior to the release of such list,
55 or (C) is for any list that the public agency voluntarily creates in
56 response to a request for disclosure, shall make a reasonable effort to
57 redact the residential address of any person who has requested that his
58 or her address be kept confidential under subdivision (1) of this
59 subsection prior to the release of such list.

60 (3) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, an agency shall
61 not be prohibited from disclosing the residential address of any person
62 listed in subsection (a) of this section from any record other than the
63 records described in subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of subdivision
64 (2) of this subsection.

65 (d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit
66 the disclosure without redaction of any document, as defined in section
67 7-35bb, any list prepared under title 9, or any list published under
68 section 12-55.

69 (e) No public agency or public official or employee of a public agency
70 shall be penalized for violating a provision of this section, unless such
71 violation is wilful and knowing. Any complaint of such a violation shall
72 be made to the Freedom of Information Commission. Upon receipt of
73 such a complaint, the commission shall serve upon the public agency,
74 official or employee, as the case may be, by certified or registered mail,
75 a copy of the complaint. The commission shall provide the public

76 agency, official or employee with an opportunity to be heard at a
77 hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
78 unless the commission, upon motion of the public agency, official or
79 employee or upon motion of the commission, dismisses the complaint
80 without a hearing if it finds, after examining the complaint and
81 construing all allegations most favorably to the complainant, that the
82 public agency, official or employee has not wilfully and knowingly
83 violated a provision of this section. If the commission finds that the
84 public agency, official or employee wilfully and knowingly violated a
85 provision of this section, the commission may impose against such
86 public agency, official or employee a civil penalty of not less than twenty
87 dollars nor more than one thousand dollars. Nothing in this section shall
88 be construed to allow a private right of action against a public agency,
89 public official or employee of a public agency.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	1-217

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The title was changed.

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*