

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS - CUSTODY AND PROTECTION

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 38-1-1.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 38-1 entitled "Custody and  
2 Protection" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **38-1-1.1. Definitions.** -- For the purpose of this chapter:

4 (a) "Agency" or "public body" shall mean any executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory,  
5 administrative body of the state, or any political subdivision thereof; including, but not limited to,  
6 any department, division, agency, commission, board, office, bureau, authority, any school, fire,  
7 or water district, or other agency or quasi-public agency of Rhode Island state or local  
8 government which exercises governmental functions, or any other public or private agency,  
9 person, partnership, corporation, or business entity acting on behalf of any public agency.

10 (b) "Public business" means any matter over which the public body has supervision,  
11 control, jurisdiction, or advisory power.

12 (c) "Public record" or "public records" shall mean all documents, papers, letters, maps,  
13 books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, or other material regardless of physical form  
14 or characteristics made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the  
15 transaction of official business by any agency.

16 (d) "Supervisor of the regulatory body" means the chief or head of a section having  
17 enforcement responsibility for a particular statute or set of rules and regulations within a  
18 regulatory agency.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would make quasi-public agencies subject to the state law regarding custody and  
2 protection of public records.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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