

HOUSE BILL 2007

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10,  
relative to public records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504(a)(22), is amended by deleting the introductory language of the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2, the following records are confidential and are not open for public inspection:

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5, is amended by creating the following new section:

(a) A public record deemed confidential under § 10-7-504(a)(22) only remains confidential and not subject to public inspection from the period at which the audit begins until the audit is concluded, or one hundred eighty (180) days after the initiation of the audit, whichever is earlier.

(b) When a public record becomes accessible to the public after the tolling of the period described in subsection (a), the record may be requested in accordance with this part.

(c) Both a requesting party and a law enforcement agency are afforded and charged with all of the rights, duties, and privileges otherwise specified under this part with respect to a requesting party and records custodian, respectively.

(d) This section does not apply to the audit working papers of the comptroller of the treasury as that term is defined in § 10-7-504(a)(22).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.