

SENATE BILL No. 81

February 1, 2001, Introduced by Senators STEIL, SHUGARS, JOHNSON, SIKKEMA, BENNETT, GAST, DUNASKISS, NORTH, GOSCHKA, GOUGEON, JAYE and DINGELL and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 442, entitled "Freedom of information act," by amending section 13 (MCL 15.243), as amended by 2000 PA 88.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 13. (1) A public body ~~may~~ SHALL exempt from disclo-
2 sure AN INDIVIDUAL'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER THAT IS CONTAINED IN
3 A PUBLIC RECORD. ADDITIONALLY, A PUBLIC BODY MAY EXEMPT FROM
4 DISCLOSURE as a public record under this act:

5 (a) Information of a personal nature where the public dis-
6 closure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted
7 invasion of an individual's privacy.

8 (b) Investigating records compiled for law enforcement pur-
9 poses, but only to the extent that disclosure as a public record
10 would do any of the following:

- 1 (i) Interfere with law enforcement proceedings.
- 2 (ii) Deprive a person of the right to a fair trial or
3 impartial administrative adjudication.
- 4 (iii) Constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal
5 privacy.
- 6 (iv) Disclose the identity of a confidential source, or if
7 the record is compiled by a law enforcement agency in the course
8 of a criminal investigation, disclose confidential information
9 furnished only by a confidential source.
- 10 (v) Disclose law enforcement investigative techniques or
11 procedures.
- 12 (vi) Endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement
13 personnel.
- 14 (c) A public record that if disclosed would prejudice a
15 public body's ability to maintain the physical security of custo-
16 dial or penal institutions occupied by persons arrested or con-
17 victed of a crime or admitted because of a mental disability,
18 unless the public interest in disclosure under this act outweighs
19 the public interest in nondisclosure.
- 20 (d) Records or information specifically described and
21 exempted from disclosure by statute.
- 22 (e) A public record or information described in this section
23 that is furnished by the public body originally compiling, pre-
24 paring, or receiving the record or information to a public offi-
25 cer or public body in connection with the performance of the
26 duties of that public officer or public body, if the

1 considerations originally giving rise to the exempt nature of the
2 public record remain applicable.

3 (f) Trade secrets or commercial or financial information
4 voluntarily provided to an agency for use in developing govern-
5 mental policy if:

6 (i) The information is submitted upon a promise of confiden-
7 tiality by the public body.

8 (ii) The promise of confidentiality is authorized by the
9 chief administrative officer of the public body or by an elected
10 official at the time the promise is made.

11 (iii) A description of the information is recorded by the
12 public body within a reasonable time after it has been submitted,
13 maintained in a central place within the public body, and made
14 available to a person upon request. This subdivision does not
15 apply to information submitted as required by law or as a condi-
16 tion of receiving a governmental contract, license, or other
17 benefit.

18 (g) Information or records subject to the attorney-client
19 privilege.

20 (h) Information or records subject to the physician-patient
21 privilege, the psychologist-patient privilege, the minister,
22 priest, or Christian Science practitioner privilege, or other
23 privilege recognized by statute or court rule.

24 (i) A bid or proposal by a person to enter into a contract
25 or agreement, until the time for the public opening of bids or
26 proposals, or if a public opening is not to be conducted, until
27 the deadline for submission of bids or proposals has expired.

1 (j) Appraisals of real property to be acquired by the public
2 body until (i) an agreement is entered into; or (ii) 3 years have
3 elapsed since the making of the appraisal, unless litigation rel-
4 ative to the acquisition has not yet terminated.

5 (k) Test questions and answers, scoring keys, and other
6 examination instruments or data used to administer a license,
7 public employment, or academic examination, unless the public
8 interest in disclosure under this act outweighs the public inter-
9 est in nondisclosure.

10 (l) Medical, counseling, or psychological facts or evalu-
11 ations concerning an individual if the individual's identity
12 would be revealed by a disclosure of those facts or evaluation.

13 (m) Communications and notes within a public body or between
14 public bodies of an advisory nature to the extent that they cover
15 other than purely factual materials and are preliminary to a
16 final agency determination of policy or action. This exemption
17 does not apply unless the public body shows that in the particu-
18 lar instance the public interest in encouraging frank communica-
19 tions between officials and employees of public bodies clearly
20 outweighs the public interest in disclosure. This exemption does
21 not constitute an exemption under state law for purposes of sec-
22 tion 8(h) of the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.268. As
23 used in this subdivision, "determination of policy or action"
24 includes a determination relating to collective bargaining,
25 unless the public record is otherwise required to be made avail-
26 able under 1947 PA 336, MCL 423.201 to 423.217.

1 (n) Records of law enforcement communication codes, or plans
2 for deployment of law enforcement personnel, that if disclosed
3 would prejudice a public body's ability to protect the public
4 safety unless the public interest in disclosure under this act
5 outweighs the public interest in nondisclosure in the particular
6 instance.

7 (o) Information that would reveal the exact location of
8 archaeological sites. The secretary of state may promulgate
9 rules in accordance with the administrative procedures act of
10 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, to provide for the dis-
11 closure of the location of archaeological sites for purposes
12 relating to the preservation or scientific examination of sites.

13 (p) Testing data developed by a public body in determining
14 whether bidders' products meet the specifications for purchase of
15 those products by the public body, if disclosure of the data
16 would reveal that only 1 bidder has met the specifications. This
17 subdivision does not apply after 1 year has elapsed from the time
18 the public body completes the testing.

19 (q) Academic transcripts of an institution of higher educa-
20 tion established under section 5, 6, or 7 of article VIII of the
21 state constitution of 1963, if the transcript pertains to a stu-
22 dent who is delinquent in the payment of financial obligations to
23 the institution.

24 (r) Records of any campaign committee including any commit-
25 tee that receives money from a state campaign fund.

26 (s) Unless the public interest in disclosure outweighs the
27 public interest in nondisclosure in the particular instance,

1 public records of a law enforcement agency, the release of which
2 would do any of the following:

3 (i) Identify or provide a means of identifying an informer.

4 (ii) Identify or provide a means of identifying a law
5 enforcement undercover officer or agent or a plain clothes offi-
6 cer as a law enforcement officer or agent.

7 (iii) Disclose the personal address or telephone number of
8 law enforcement officers or agents or any special skills that
9 they may have.

10 (iv) Disclose the name, address, or telephone numbers of
11 family members, relatives, children, or parents of law enforce-
12 ment officers or agents.

13 (v) Disclose operational instructions for law enforcement
14 officers or agents.

15 (vi) Reveal the contents of staff manuals provided for law
16 enforcement officers or agents.

17 (vii) Endanger the life or safety of law enforcement offi-
18 cers or agents or their families, relatives, children, parents,
19 or those who furnish information to law enforcement departments
20 or agencies.

21 (viii) Identify or provide a means of identifying a person
22 as a law enforcement officer, agent, or informer.

23 (ix) Disclose personnel records of law enforcement
24 agencies.

25 (x) Identify or provide a means of identifying residences
26 that law enforcement agencies are requested to check in the
27 absence of their owners or tenants.

1 (t) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision,
2 records and information pertaining to an investigation or a com-
3 pliance conference conducted by the department of consumer and
4 industry services under article 15 of the public health code,
5 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838, before a complaint is
6 issued. This subdivision does not apply to records and informa-
7 tion pertaining to 1 or more of the following:

8 (i) The fact that an allegation has been received and an
9 investigation is being conducted, and the date the allegation was
10 received.

11 (ii) The fact that an allegation was received by the depart-
12 ment of consumer and industry services; the fact that the depart-
13 ment of consumer and industry services did not issue a complaint
14 for the allegation; and the fact that the allegation was
15 dismissed.

16 (u) Records of a public body's security measures, including
17 security plans, security codes and combinations, passwords,
18 passes, keys, and security procedures, to the extent that the
19 records relate to the ongoing security of the public body.

20 (v) Records or information relating to a civil action in
21 which the requesting party and the public body are parties.

22 (w) Information or records that would disclose the social
23 security number of any individual.

24 (x) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, an
25 application for the position of president of an institution of
26 higher education established under section 4, 5, or 6 of article
27 VIII of the state constitution of 1963, materials submitted with

1 such an application, letters of recommendation or references
2 concerning an applicant, and records or information relating to
3 the process of searching for and selecting an individual for a
4 position described in this subdivision, if the records or infor-
5 mation could be used to identify a candidate for the position.
6 However, after 1 or more individuals have been identified as
7 finalists for a position described in this subdivision, this sub-
8 division does not apply to a public record described in this sub-
9 division, except a letter of recommendation or reference, to the
10 extent that the public record relates to an individual identified
11 as a finalist for the position.

12 (2) A public body shall exempt from disclosure information
13 that, if released, would prevent the public body from complying
14 with section 444 of subpart 4 of part C of the general education
15 provisions act, title IV of Public Law 90-247, 20 U.S.C. 1232g,
16 commonly referred to as the family educational rights and privacy
17 act of 1974.

18 (3) This act does not authorize the withholding of informa-
19 tion otherwise required by law to be made available to the public
20 or to a party in a contested case under the administrative proce-
21 dures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

22 (4) Except as otherwise exempt under subsection (1), this
23 act does not authorize the withholding of a public record in the
24 possession of the executive office of the governor or lieutenant
25 governor, or an employee of either executive office, if the
26 public record is transferred to the executive office of the
27 governor or lieutenant governor, or an employee of either

1 executive office, after a request for the public record has been
2 received by a state officer, employee, agency, department, divi-
3 sion, bureau, board, commission, council, authority, or other
4 body in the executive branch of government that is subject to
5 this act.