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104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/22/2025, by Sen. Donald P. DeWitte

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 140/5

from Ch. 116, par. 205

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that a public body shall include in its list of records available under the Act the identification and a plain-text description of each of the types or categories of information of each field of each database of the public body. Provides that the public body shall provide a sufficient description of the structures of all databases under the control of the public body to allow a requester to request the public body to perform specific database queries.

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A BILL FOR

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 Freedom of Information Act is amended by
5 changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 140/5) (from Ch. 116, par. 205)

7 Sec. 5. As to public records prepared or received after
8 the effective date of this Act, each public body shall
9 maintain and make available for inspection and copying a
10 reasonably current list of all types or categories of records
11 under its control. The list shall be reasonably detailed in
12 order to aid persons in obtaining access to public records
13 pursuant to this Act and shall include the identification and
14 a plain-text description of each of the types or categories of
15 information of each field of each database of the public body.

16 Each public body shall furnish upon request a description of
17 the manner in which public records stored by means of
18 electronic data processing may be obtained in a form
19 comprehensible to persons lacking knowledge of computer
20 language or printout format and shall provide a sufficient
21 description of the structures of all databases under the
22 control of the public body to allow a requester to request the
23 public body to perform specific database queries.

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1 (Source: P.A. 83-1013.)