



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB0226

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#### 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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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.)