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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 140/7

from Ch. 116, par. 207

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. To the list of records exempt from disclosure, adds records requested by persons committed to a county jail, if those materials are available through an administrative request to the county jail medical department or medical services provider.

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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 7 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 140/7) (from Ch. 116, par. 207)

7 Sec. 7. Exemptions.

8 (1) When a request is made to inspect or copy a public
9 record that contains information that is exempt from
10 disclosure under this Section, but also contains information
11 that is not exempt from disclosure, the public body may elect
12 to redact the information that is exempt. The public body
13 shall make the remaining information available for inspection
14 and copying. Subject to this requirement, the following shall
15 be exempt from inspection and copying:

16 (a) Information specifically prohibited from
17 disclosure by federal or State law or rules and
18 regulations implementing federal or State law.

19 (b) Private information, unless disclosure is required
20 by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or
21 a court order.

22 (b-5) Files, documents, and other data or databases
23 maintained by one or more law enforcement agencies and

1 specifically designed to provide information to one or
2 more law enforcement agencies regarding the physical or
3 mental status of one or more individual subjects.

4 (c) Personal information contained within public
5 records, the disclosure of which would constitute a
6 clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless
7 the disclosure is consented to in writing by the
8 individual subjects of the information. "Unwarranted
9 invasion of personal privacy" means the disclosure of
10 information that is highly personal or objectionable to a
11 reasonable person and in which the subject's right to
12 privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in
13 obtaining the information. The disclosure of information
14 that bears on the public duties of public employees and
15 officials shall not be considered an invasion of personal
16 privacy.

17 (d) Records in the possession of any public body
18 created in the course of administrative enforcement
19 proceedings, and any law enforcement or correctional
20 agency for law enforcement purposes, but only to the
21 extent that disclosure would:

22 (i) interfere with pending or actually and
23 reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceedings
24 conducted by any law enforcement or correctional
25 agency that is the recipient of the request;

26 (ii) interfere with active administrative

1 enforcement proceedings conducted by the public body
2 that is the recipient of the request;

3 (iii) create a substantial likelihood that a
4 person will be deprived of a fair trial or an impartial
5 hearing;

6 (iv) unavoidably disclose the identity of a
7 confidential source, confidential information
8 furnished only by the confidential source, or persons
9 who file complaints with or provide information to
10 administrative, investigative, law enforcement, or
11 penal agencies; except that the identities of
12 witnesses to traffic accidents, traffic accident
13 reports, and rescue reports shall be provided by
14 agencies of local government, except when disclosure
15 would interfere with an active criminal investigation
16 conducted by the agency that is the recipient of the
17 request;

18 (v) disclose unique or specialized investigative
19 techniques other than those generally used and known
20 or disclose internal documents of correctional
21 agencies related to detection, observation or
22 investigation of incidents of crime or misconduct, and
23 disclosure would result in demonstrable harm to the
24 agency or public body that is the recipient of the
25 request;

26 (vi) endanger the life or physical safety of law

1 enforcement personnel or any other person; or
2 (vii) obstruct an ongoing criminal investigation
3 by the agency that is the recipient of the request.

4 (d-5) A law enforcement record created for law
5 enforcement purposes and contained in a shared electronic
6 record management system if the law enforcement agency
7 that is the recipient of the request did not create the
8 record, did not participate in or have a role in any of the
9 events which are the subject of the record, and only has
10 access to the record through the shared electronic record
11 management system.

12 (e) Records that relate to or affect the security of
13 correctional institutions and detention facilities.

14 (e-5) Records requested by persons committed to the
15 Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services
16 Division of Mental Health, or a county jail if those
17 materials are available in the library of the correctional
18 institution or facility or jail where the inmate is
19 confined.

20 (e-6) Records requested by persons committed to the
21 Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services
22 Division of Mental Health, or a county jail if those
23 materials include records from staff members' personnel
24 files, staff rosters, or other staffing assignment
25 information.

26 (e-7) Records requested by persons committed to the

1 Department of Corrections or Department of Human Services
2 Division of Mental Health or a county jail, if those
3 materials are available through an administrative request
4 to the Department of Corrections or Department of Human
5 Services Division of Mental Health or the county jail
6 medical department or medical services provider.

7 (e-8) Records requested by a person committed to the
8 Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services
9 Division of Mental Health, or a county jail, the
10 disclosure of which would result in the risk of harm to any
11 person or the risk of an escape from a jail or correctional
12 institution or facility.

13 (e-9) Records requested by a person in a county jail
14 or committed to the Department of Corrections or
15 Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health,
16 containing personal information pertaining to the person's
17 victim or the victim's family, including, but not limited
18 to, a victim's home address, home telephone number, work
19 or school address, work telephone number, social security
20 number, or any other identifying information, except as
21 may be relevant to a requester's current or potential case
22 or claim.

23 (e-10) Law enforcement records of other persons
24 requested by a person committed to the Department of
25 Corrections, Department of Human Services Division of
26 Mental Health, or a county jail, including, but not

1 limited to, arrest and booking records, mug shots, and
2 crime scene photographs, except as these records may be
3 relevant to the requester's current or potential case or
4 claim.

5 (f) Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations,
6 memoranda and other records in which opinions are
7 expressed, or policies or actions are formulated, except
8 that a specific record or relevant portion of a record
9 shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and
10 identified by the head of the public body. The exemption
11 provided in this paragraph (f) extends to all those
12 records of officers and agencies of the General Assembly
13 that pertain to the preparation of legislative documents.

14 (g) Trade secrets and commercial or financial
15 information obtained from a person or business where the
16 trade secrets or commercial or financial information are
17 furnished under a claim that they are proprietary,
18 privileged, or confidential, and that disclosure of the
19 trade secrets or commercial or financial information would
20 cause competitive harm to the person or business, and only
21 insofar as the claim directly applies to the records
22 requested.

23 The information included under this exemption includes
24 all trade secrets and commercial or financial information
25 obtained by a public body, including a public pension
26 fund, from a private equity fund or a privately held

1 company within the investment portfolio of a private
2 equity fund as a result of either investing or evaluating
3 a potential investment of public funds in a private equity
4 fund. The exemption contained in this item does not apply
5 to the aggregate financial performance information of a
6 private equity fund, nor to the identity of the fund's
7 managers or general partners. The exemption contained in
8 this item does not apply to the identity of a privately
9 held company within the investment portfolio of a private
10 equity fund, unless the disclosure of the identity of a
11 privately held company may cause competitive harm.

12 Nothing contained in this paragraph (g) shall be
13 construed to prevent a person or business from consenting
14 to disclosure.

15 (h) Proposals and bids for any contract, grant, or
16 agreement, including information which if it were
17 disclosed would frustrate procurement or give an advantage
18 to any person proposing to enter into a contractor
19 agreement with the body, until an award or final selection
20 is made. Information prepared by or for the body in
21 preparation of a bid solicitation shall be exempt until an
22 award or final selection is made.

23 (i) Valuable formulae, computer geographic systems,
24 designs, drawings and research data obtained or produced
25 by any public body when disclosure could reasonably be
26 expected to produce private gain or public loss. The

1 exemption for "computer geographic systems" provided in
2 this paragraph (i) does not extend to requests made by
3 news media as defined in Section 2 of this Act when the
4 requested information is not otherwise exempt and the only
5 purpose of the request is to access and disseminate
6 information regarding the health, safety, welfare, or
7 legal rights of the general public.

8 (j) The following information pertaining to
9 educational matters:

10 (i) test questions, scoring keys and other
11 examination data used to administer an academic
12 examination;

13 (ii) information received by a primary or
14 secondary school, college, or university under its
15 procedures for the evaluation of faculty members by
16 their academic peers;

17 (iii) information concerning a school or
18 university's adjudication of student disciplinary
19 cases, but only to the extent that disclosure would
20 unavoidably reveal the identity of the student; and

21 (iv) course materials or research materials used
22 by faculty members.

23 (k) Architects' plans, engineers' technical
24 submissions, and other construction related technical
25 documents for projects not constructed or developed in
26 whole or in part with public funds and the same for

1 projects constructed or developed with public funds,
2 including, but not limited to, power generating and
3 distribution stations and other transmission and
4 distribution facilities, water treatment facilities,
5 airport facilities, sport stadiums, convention centers,
6 and all government owned, operated, or occupied buildings,
7 but only to the extent that disclosure would compromise
8 security.

9 (l) Minutes of meetings of public bodies closed to the
10 public as provided in the Open Meetings Act until the
11 public body makes the minutes available to the public
12 under Section 2.06 of the Open Meetings Act.

13 (m) Communications between a public body and an
14 attorney or auditor representing the public body that
15 would not be subject to discovery in litigation, and
16 materials prepared or compiled by or for a public body in
17 anticipation of a criminal, civil, or administrative
18 proceeding upon the request of an attorney advising the
19 public body, and materials prepared or compiled with
20 respect to internal audits of public bodies.

21 (n) Records relating to a public body's adjudication
22 of employee grievances or disciplinary cases; however,
23 this exemption shall not extend to the final outcome of
24 cases in which discipline is imposed.

25 (o) Administrative or technical information associated
26 with automated data processing operations, including, but

1 not limited to, software, operating protocols, computer
2 program abstracts, file layouts, source listings, object
3 modules, load modules, user guides, documentation
4 pertaining to all logical and physical design of
5 computerized systems, employee manuals, and any other
6 information that, if disclosed, would jeopardize the
7 security of the system or its data or the security of
8 materials exempt under this Section.

9 (p) Records relating to collective negotiating matters
10 between public bodies and their employees or
11 representatives, except that any final contract or
12 agreement shall be subject to inspection and copying.

13 (q) Test questions, scoring keys, and other
14 examination data used to determine the qualifications of
15 an applicant for a license or employment.

16 (r) The records, documents, and information relating
17 to real estate purchase negotiations until those
18 negotiations have been completed or otherwise terminated.
19 With regard to a parcel involved in a pending or actually
20 and reasonably contemplated eminent domain proceeding
21 under the Eminent Domain Act, records, documents, and
22 information relating to that parcel shall be exempt except
23 as may be allowed under discovery rules adopted by the
24 Illinois Supreme Court. The records, documents, and
25 information relating to a real estate sale shall be exempt
26 until a sale is consummated.

1 (s) Any and all proprietary information and records
2 related to the operation of an intergovernmental risk
3 management association or self-insurance pool or jointly
4 self-administered health and accident cooperative or pool.
5 Insurance or self insurance (including any
6 intergovernmental risk management association or self
7 insurance pool) claims, loss or risk management
8 information, records, data, advice or communications.

9 (t) Information contained in or related to
10 examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by,
11 on behalf of, or for the use of a public body responsible
12 for the regulation or supervision of financial
13 institutions, insurance companies, or pharmacy benefit
14 managers, unless disclosure is otherwise required by State
15 law.

16 (u) Information that would disclose or might lead to
17 the disclosure of secret or confidential information,
18 codes, algorithms, programs, or private keys intended to
19 be used to create electronic or digital signatures under
20 the Electronic Commerce Security Act.

21 (v) Vulnerability assessments, security measures, and
22 response policies or plans that are designed to identify,
23 prevent, or respond to potential attacks upon a
24 community's population or systems, facilities, or
25 installations, the destruction or contamination of which
26 would constitute a clear and present danger to the health

1 or safety of the community, but only to the extent that
2 disclosure could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the
3 effectiveness of the measures or the safety of the
4 personnel who implement them or the public. Information
5 exempt under this item may include such things as details
6 pertaining to the mobilization or deployment of personnel
7 or equipment, to the operation of communication systems or
8 protocols, or to tactical operations.

9 (w) (Blank).

10 (x) Maps and other records regarding the location or
11 security of generation, transmission, distribution,
12 storage, gathering, treatment, or switching facilities
13 owned by a utility, by a power generator, or by the
14 Illinois Power Agency.

15 (y) Information contained in or related to proposals,
16 bids, or negotiations related to electric power
17 procurement under Section 1-75 of the Illinois Power
18 Agency Act and Section 16-111.5 of the Public Utilities
19 Act that is determined to be confidential and proprietary
20 by the Illinois Power Agency or by the Illinois Commerce
21 Commission.

22 (z) Information about students exempted from
23 disclosure under Sections 10-20.38 or 34-18.29 of the
24 School Code, and information about undergraduate students
25 enrolled at an institution of higher education exempted
26 from disclosure under Section 25 of the Illinois Credit

1 Card Marketing Act of 2009.

2 (aa) Information the disclosure of which is exempted
3 under the Viatical Settlements Act of 2009.

4 (bb) Records and information provided to a mortality
5 review team and records maintained by a mortality review
6 team appointed under the Department of Juvenile Justice
7 Mortality Review Team Act.

8 (cc) Information regarding interments, entombments, or
9 inurnments of human remains that are submitted to the
10 Cemetery Oversight Database under the Cemetery Care Act or
11 the Cemetery Oversight Act, whichever is applicable.

12 (dd) Correspondence and records (i) that may not be
13 disclosed under Section 11-9 of the Illinois Public Aid
14 Code or (ii) that pertain to appeals under Section 11-8 of
15 the Illinois Public Aid Code.

16 (ee) The names, addresses, or other personal
17 information of persons who are minors and are also
18 participants and registrants in programs of park
19 districts, forest preserve districts, conservation
20 districts, recreation agencies, and special recreation
21 associations.

22 (ff) The names, addresses, or other personal
23 information of participants and registrants in programs of
24 park districts, forest preserve districts, conservation
25 districts, recreation agencies, and special recreation
26 associations where such programs are targeted primarily to

1 minors.

2 (gg) Confidential information described in Section
3 1-100 of the Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal Act of
4 2012.

5 (hh) The report submitted to the State Board of
6 Education by the School Security and Standards Task Force
7 under item (8) of subsection (d) of Section 2-3.160 of the
8 School Code and any information contained in that report.

9 (ii) Records requested by persons committed to or
10 detained by the Department of Human Services under the
11 Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Act or committed to
12 the Department of Corrections under the Sexually Dangerous
13 Persons Act if those materials: (i) are available in the
14 library of the facility where the individual is confined;
15 (ii) include records from staff members' personnel files,
16 staff rosters, or other staffing assignment information;
17 or (iii) are available through an administrative request
18 to the Department of Human Services or the Department of
19 Corrections.

20 (jj) Confidential information described in Section
21 5-535 of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

22 (kk) The public body's credit card numbers, debit card
23 numbers, bank account numbers, Federal Employer
24 Identification Number, security code numbers, passwords,
25 and similar account information, the disclosure of which
26 could result in identity theft or impersonation or defrauding

1 of a governmental entity or a person.

2 (11) ~~(11)~~ Records concerning the work of the threat
3 assessment team of a school district.

4 (1.5) Any information exempt from disclosure under the
5 Judicial Privacy Act shall be redacted from public records
6 prior to disclosure under this Act.

7 (2) A public record that is not in the possession of a
8 public body but is in the possession of a party with whom the
9 agency has contracted to perform a governmental function on
10 behalf of the public body, and that directly relates to the
11 governmental function and is not otherwise exempt under this
12 Act, shall be considered a public record of the public body,
13 for purposes of this Act.

14 (3) This Section does not authorize withholding of
15 information or limit the availability of records to the
16 public, except as stated in this Section or otherwise provided
17 in this Act.

18 (Source: P.A. 100-26, eff. 8-4-17; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17;
19 100-732, eff. 8-3-18; 101-434, eff. 1-1-20; 101-452, eff.
20 1-1-20; 101-455, eff. 8-23-19; revised 9-27-19.)