

HOUSE BILL No. 2128

By Representative Sloan

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AN ACT concerning the open records act, exceptions; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 45-221 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 45-221j and 45-221k.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 45-221 is hereby amended to read as follows: 45-221. (a) Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law, a public agency shall not be required to disclose:

(1) Records the disclosure of which is specifically prohibited or restricted by federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas supreme court or rule of the senate committee on confirmation oversight relating to information submitted to the committee pursuant to K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-4315d, and amendments thereto, or the disclosure of which is prohibited or restricted pursuant to specific authorization of federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas supreme court or rule of the senate committee on confirmation oversight relating to information submitted to the committee pursuant to K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-4315d, and amendments thereto, to restrict or prohibit disclosure.

(2) Records which are privileged under the rules of evidence, unless the holder of the privilege consents to the disclosure.

(3) Medical, psychiatric, psychological or alcoholism or drug dependency treatment records which pertain to identifiable patients.

(4) Personnel records, performance ratings or individually identifiable records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, except that this exemption shall not apply to the names, positions, salaries or actual compensation employment contracts or employment-related contracts or agreements and lengths of service of officers and employees of public agencies once they are employed as such.

(5) Information which would reveal the identity of any undercover agent or any informant reporting a specific violation of law.

(6) Letters of reference or recommendation pertaining to the character or qualifications of an identifiable individual, except documents relating to the appointment of persons to fill a vacancy in an elected office.

(7) Library, archive and museum materials contributed by private persons, to the extent of any limitations imposed as conditions of the contribution.

1 (8) Information which would reveal the identity of an individual who
2 lawfully makes a donation to a public agency, if anonymity of the donor is
3 a condition of the donation, except if the donation is intended for or
4 restricted to providing remuneration or personal tangible benefit to a
5 named public officer or employee.

6 (9) Testing and examination materials, before the test or examination
7 is given or if it is to be given again, or records of individual test or
8 examination scores, other than records which show only passage or failure
9 and not specific scores.

10 (10) Criminal investigation records, except as provided herein. The
11 district court, in an action brought pursuant to K.S.A. 45-222, and
12 amendments thereto, may order disclosure of such records, subject to such
13 conditions as the court may impose, if the court finds that disclosure:

14 (A) Is in the public interest;

15 (B) would not interfere with any prospective law enforcement action,
16 criminal investigation or prosecution;

17 (C) would not reveal the identity of any confidential source or
18 undercover agent;

19 (D) would not reveal confidential investigative techniques or
20 procedures not known to the general public;

21 (E) would not endanger the life or physical safety of any person; and

22 (F) would not reveal the name, address, phone number or any other
23 information which specifically and individually identifies the victim of any
24 sexual offense in article 35 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
25 prior to their repeal, or article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes
26 Annotated, and amendments thereto.

27 If a public record is discretionarily closed by a public agency pursuant
28 to this subsection, the record custodian, upon request, shall provide a
29 written citation to the specific provisions of paragraphs (A) through (F)
30 that necessitate closure of that public record.

31 (11) Records of agencies involved in administrative adjudication or
32 civil litigation, compiled in the process of detecting or investigating
33 violations of civil law or administrative rules and regulations, if disclosure
34 would interfere with a prospective administrative adjudication or civil
35 litigation or reveal the identity of a confidential source or undercover
36 agent.

37 (12) Records of emergency or security information or procedures of a
38 public agency, or plans, drawings, specifications or related information for
39 any building or facility which is used for purposes requiring security
40 measures in or around the building or facility or which is used for the
41 generation or transmission of power, water, fuels or communications, if
42 disclosure would jeopardize security of the public agency, building or
43 facility.

1 (13) The contents of appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates
2 or evaluations made by or for a public agency relative to the acquisition *or*
3 *disposal* of property, prior to the award of formal contracts therefor.

4 (14) Correspondence between a public agency and a private
5 individual, other than correspondence which is intended to give notice of
6 an action, policy or determination relating to any regulatory, supervisory or
7 enforcement responsibility of the public agency or which is widely
8 distributed to the public by a public agency and is not specifically in
9 response to communications from such a private individual.

10 (15) Records pertaining to employer-employee negotiations, if
11 disclosure would reveal information discussed in a lawful executive
12 session under K.S.A. 75-4319, and amendments thereto.

13 (16) Software programs for electronic data processing and
14 documentation thereof, but each public agency shall maintain a register,
15 open to the public, that describes:

16 (A) The information which the agency maintains on computer
17 facilities; and

18 (B) the form in which the information can be made available using
19 existing computer programs.

20 (17) Applications, financial statements and other information
21 submitted in connection with applications for student financial assistance
22 where financial need is a consideration for the award.

23 (18) Plans, designs, drawings or specifications which are prepared by
24 a person other than an employee of a public agency or records which are
25 the property of a private person.

26 (19) Well samples, logs or surveys which the state corporation
27 commission requires to be filed by persons who have drilled or caused to
28 be drilled, or are drilling or causing to be drilled, holes for the purpose of
29 discovery or production of oil or gas, to the extent that disclosure is
30 limited by rules and regulations of the state corporation commission.

31 (20) Notes, preliminary drafts, research data in the process of
32 analysis, unfunded grant proposals, memoranda, recommendations or
33 other records in which opinions are expressed or policies or actions are
34 proposed, except that this exemption shall not apply when such records are
35 publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or in an agenda of an open
36 meeting.

37 (21) Records of a public agency having legislative powers, which
38 records pertain to proposed legislation or amendments to proposed
39 legislation, except that this exemption shall not apply when such records
40 are:

41 (A) Publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or in an agenda of
42 an open meeting; or

43 (B) distributed to a majority of a quorum of any body which has

1 authority to take action or make recommendations to the public agency
2 with regard to the matters to which such records pertain.

3 (22) Records of a public agency having legislative powers, which
4 records pertain to research prepared for one or more members of such
5 agency, except that this exemption shall not apply when such records are:

6 (A) Publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or in an agenda of
7 an open meeting; or

8 (B) distributed to a majority of a quorum of any body which has
9 authority to take action or make recommendations to the public agency
10 with regard to the matters to which such records pertain.

11 (23) Library patron and circulation records which pertain to
12 identifiable individuals.

13 (24) Records which are compiled for census or research purposes and
14 which pertain to identifiable individuals.

15 (25) Records which represent and constitute the work product of an
16 attorney.

17 (26) Records of a utility or other public service pertaining to
18 individually identifiable residential customers of the utility or service,
19 except that information concerning billings for specific individual
20 customers named by the requester shall be subject to disclosure as
21 provided by this act.

22 (27) Specifications for competitive bidding, until the specifications
23 are officially approved by the public agency.

24 (28) Sealed bids and related documents, until a bid is accepted or all
25 bids rejected.

26 (29) Correctional records pertaining to an identifiable inmate or
27 release, except that:

28 (A) The name; photograph and other identifying information;
29 sentence data; parole eligibility date; custody or supervision level;
30 disciplinary record; supervision violations; conditions of supervision,
31 excluding requirements pertaining to mental health or substance abuse
32 counseling; location of facility where incarcerated or location of parole
33 office maintaining supervision and address of a releasee whose crime was
34 committed after the effective date of this act shall be subject to disclosure
35 to any person other than another inmate or releasee, except that the
36 disclosure of the location of an inmate transferred to another state pursuant
37 to the interstate corrections compact shall be at the discretion of the
38 secretary of corrections;

39 (B) ~~the ombudsman of corrections~~, the attorney general, law
40 enforcement agencies, counsel for the inmate to whom the record pertains
41 and any county or district attorney shall have access to correctional records
42 to the extent otherwise permitted by law;

43 (C) the information provided to the law enforcement agency pursuant

1 to the sex offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and
2 amendments thereto, shall be subject to disclosure to any person, except
3 that the name, address, telephone number or any other information which
4 specifically and individually identifies the victim of any offender required
5 to register as provided by the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-
6 4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall not be disclosed; and

7 (D) records of the department of corrections regarding the financial
8 assets of an offender in the custody of the secretary of corrections shall be
9 subject to disclosure to the victim, or such victim's family, of the crime for
10 which the inmate is in custody as set forth in an order of restitution by the
11 sentencing court.

12 (30) Public records containing information of a personal nature where
13 the public disclosure thereof would constitute a clearly unwarranted
14 invasion of personal privacy.

15 (31) Public records pertaining to prospective location of a business or
16 industry where no previous public disclosure has been made of the
17 business' or industry's interest in locating in, relocating within or
18 expanding within the state. This exception shall not include those records
19 pertaining to application of agencies for permits or licenses necessary to
20 do business or to expand business operations within this state, except as
21 otherwise provided by law.

22 (32) Engineering and architectural estimates made by or for any
23 public agency relative to public improvements.

24 (33) Financial information submitted by contractors in qualification
25 statements to any public agency.

26 (34) Records involved in the obtaining and processing of intellectual
27 property rights that are expected to be, wholly or partially vested in or
28 owned by a state educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and
29 amendments thereto, or an assignee of the institution organized and
30 existing for the benefit of the institution.

31 (35) Any report or record which is made pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4922,
32 65-4923 or 65-4924, and amendments thereto, and which is privileged
33 pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4915 or 65-4925, and amendments thereto.

34 (36) Information which would reveal the precise location of an
35 archeological site.

36 (37) Any financial data or traffic information from a railroad
37 company, to a public agency, concerning the sale, lease or rehabilitation of
38 the railroad's property in Kansas.

39 (38) Risk-based capital reports, risk-based capital plans and
40 corrective orders including the working papers and the results of any
41 analysis filed with the commissioner of insurance in accordance with
42 K.S.A. 40-2c20 and 40-2d20, and amendments thereto.

43 (39) Memoranda and related materials required to be used to support

1 the annual actuarial opinions submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of
2 K.S.A. 40-409, and amendments thereto.

3 (40) Disclosure reports filed with the commissioner of insurance
4 under subsection (a) of K.S.A. 40-2,156, and amendments thereto.

5 (41) All financial analysis ratios and examination synopses
6 concerning insurance companies that are submitted to the commissioner by
7 the national association of insurance commissioners' insurance regulatory
8 information system.

9 (42) Any records the disclosure of which is restricted or prohibited by
10 a tribal-state gaming compact.

11 (43) Market research, market plans, business plans and the terms and
12 conditions of managed care or other third-party contracts, developed or
13 entered into by the university of Kansas medical center in the operation
14 and management of the university hospital which the chancellor of the
15 university of Kansas or the chancellor's designee determines would give an
16 unfair advantage to competitors of the university of Kansas medical center.

17 (44) The amount of franchise tax paid to the secretary of revenue or
18 the secretary of state by domestic corporations, foreign corporations,
19 domestic limited liability companies, foreign limited liability companies,
20 domestic limited partnership, foreign limited partnership, domestic limited
21 liability partnerships and foreign limited liability partnerships.

22 (45) Records, other than criminal investigation records, the disclosure
23 of which would pose a substantial likelihood of revealing security
24 measures that protect: (A) Systems, facilities or equipment used in the
25 production, transmission or distribution of energy, water or
26 communications services; (B) transportation and sewer or wastewater
27 treatment systems, facilities or equipment; or (C) private property or
28 persons, if the records are submitted to the agency. For purposes of this
29 paragraph, security means measures that protect against criminal acts
30 intended to intimidate or coerce the civilian population, influence
31 government policy by intimidation or coercion or to affect the operation of
32 government by disruption of public services, mass destruction,
33 assassination or kidnapping. Security measures include, but are not limited to,
34 intelligence information, tactical plans, resource deployment and
35 vulnerability assessments.

36 (46) Any information or material received by the register of deeds of
37 a county from military discharge papers, DD Form 214. Such papers shall
38 be disclosed: To the military dischargee; to such dischargee's immediate
39 family members and lineal descendants; to such dischargee's heirs, agents
40 or assigns; to the licensed funeral director who has custody of the body of
41 the deceased dischargee; when required by a department or agency of the
42 federal or state government or a political subdivision thereof; when the
43 form is required to perfect the claim of military service or honorable

1 discharge or a claim of a dependent of the dischargee; and upon the written
2 approval of the commissioner of veterans affairs, to a person conducting
3 research.

4 (47) Information that would reveal the location of a shelter or a
5 safehouse or similar place where persons are provided protection from
6 abuse or the name, address, location or other contact information of
7 alleged victims of stalking, domestic violence or sexual assault.

8 (48) Policy information provided by an insurance carrier in
9 accordance with subsection (h)(1) of K.S.A. 44-532, and amendments
10 thereto. This exemption shall not be construed to preclude access to an
11 individual employer's record for the purpose of verification of insurance
12 coverage or to the department of labor for their business purposes.

13 (49) An individual's e-mail address, cell phone number and other
14 contact information which has been given to the public agency for the
15 purpose of public agency notifications or communications which are
16 widely distributed to the public.

17 (50) Information provided by providers to the local collection point
18 administrator or to the 911 coordinating council pursuant to the Kansas
19 911 act, and amendments thereto, upon request of the party submitting
20 such records.

21 (51) Records of a public agency which identify the home address or
22 home ownership of a law enforcement officer as defined in K.S.A. 2012
23 Supp. 21-5111, and amendments thereto, parole officer, probation officer,
24 court services officer or community correctional services officer. The
25 agency head of such law enforcement office, parole office, probation
26 office, court services office or community correctional services office or
27 such individual officer shall file with the custodian of such record a
28 request to have such officer's identifying information removed from public
29 access. Within seven days of receipt of such requests, the public agency
30 shall remove such officer's identifying information from such public
31 access.

32 (52) Records of a public agency which identify the home address or
33 home ownership of a federal judge, a justice of the supreme court, a judge
34 of the court of appeals, a district judge, a district magistrate judge, the
35 United States attorney for the district of Kansas, an assistant United States
36 attorney, the attorney general, an assistant attorney general, a district
37 attorney or county attorney or an assistant district attorney or assistant
38 county attorney. Such person or such person's employer shall file with the
39 custodian of such record a request to have such person's identifying
40 information removed from public access. Within seven days of receipt of
41 such requests, the public agency shall remove such person's identifying
42 information from such public access.

43 (53) *Records of a utility concerning information about cyber security*

1 *threats, attacks or general attempts to attack utility operations provided to*
2 *law enforcement agencies, the state corporation commission, the federal*
3 *energy regulatory commission, the department of energy, the southwest*
4 *power pool, the North American electric reliability corporation, the*
5 *federal communications commission or any other federal, state or*
6 *regional organization that has a responsibility for the safeguarding of*
7 *telecommunications, electric, motor fuel or natural gas energy supply*
8 *systems.*

9 (b) Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law or as
10 appropriate during the course of an administrative proceeding or on appeal
11 from agency action, a public agency or officer shall not disclose financial
12 information of a taxpayer which may be required or requested by a county
13 appraiser or the director of property valuation to assist in the determination
14 of the value of the taxpayer's property for ad valorem taxation purposes; or
15 any financial information of a personal nature required or requested by a
16 public agency or officer, including a name, job description or title
17 revealing the salary or other compensation of officers, employees or
18 applicants for employment with a firm, corporation or agency, except a
19 public agency. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit the
20 publication of statistics, so classified as to prevent identification of
21 particular reports or returns and the items thereof.

22 (c) As used in this section, the term "cited or identified" shall not
23 include a request to an employee of a public agency that a document be
24 prepared.

25 (d) If a public record contains material which is not subject to
26 disclosure pursuant to this act, the public agency shall separate or delete
27 such material and make available to the requester that material in the
28 public record which is subject to disclosure pursuant to this act. If a public
29 record is not subject to disclosure because it pertains to an identifiable
30 individual, the public agency shall delete the identifying portions of the
31 record and make available to the requester any remaining portions which
32 are subject to disclosure pursuant to this act, unless the request is for a
33 record pertaining to a specific individual or to such a limited group of
34 individuals that the individuals' identities are reasonably ascertainable, the
35 public agency shall not be required to disclose those portions of the record
36 which pertain to such individual or individuals.

37 (e) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to exempt
38 from public disclosure statistical information not descriptive of any
39 identifiable person.

40 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), any public
41 record which has been in existence more than 70 years shall be open for
42 inspection by any person unless disclosure of the record is specifically
43 prohibited or restricted by federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas

1 supreme court or by a policy adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6214, and
2 amendments thereto.

3 (g) Any confidential records or information relating to security
4 measures provided or received under the provisions of subsection (a)(45)
5 shall not be subject to subpoena, discovery or other demand in any
6 administrative, criminal or civil action.

7 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 45-221, 45-221j and 45-221k are hereby
8 repealed.

9 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.