



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 519

January Session, 2023

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1153

Senate, April 12, 2023

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE FOR CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION RECORDS PERTAINING TO STUDY, TEACHING OR RESEARCH UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1-210 of the general statutes is
2 amended by adding subdivision (29) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 (NEW) (29) Records maintained or kept on file by or for the faculty
4 or staff of a public institution of higher education arising out of study,
5 teaching or research on medical, artistic, scientific, technical, legal or
6 other scholarly issues, including any such records of legal clinics or
7 centers, but excluding any financial records of such institution.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	1-210(b)(29)
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GAE Joint Favorable Subst.

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

This bill has no fiscal impact. The bill would exempt certain data held by public higher education facilities from Freedom of Information requests. The bill does not obligate the state to any further action.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1153*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE FOR CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION RECORDS PERTAINING TO STUDY, TEACHING OR RESEARCH UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.*****SUMMARY**

This bill exempts from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act records maintained or kept on file by or for public higher education institution faculty or staff arising out of study, teaching, or research on medical, artistic, scientific, technical, legal, or other scholarly issues, including legal clinic or center records.

Under the bill, a public higher education institution's financial records are excluded from this exemption.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/24/2023)