



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 554

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Substitute House Bill No. 5550

House of Representatives, April 9, 2026

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. BLUMENTHAL of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXEMPTING COURSE SYLLABI FROM DISCLOSURE 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 2026 supplement to
2 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (29) as follows
3 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (NEW) (29) Records created by or for the faculty or staff of a public
5 institution of higher education that consist of course syllabi.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-210(b)(29)
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands existing provisions prohibiting disclosure of certain records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to include course syllabi, resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5550*****AN ACT EXEMPTING COURSE SYLLABI FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.*****SUMMARY**

This bill exempts from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) records created by or for the faculty or staff of a public institution of higher education that consist of course syllabi.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

BACKGROUND***FOIA Exceptions***

FOIA generally requires government documents and records to be made available to the public, however, there are exceptions. Among others, existing exceptions include test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer a licensing, employment, or academic exam.

Related Bills

HB 5548, favorably reported by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, exempts from disclosure under FOIA records maintained or kept on file by or for the faculty or staff of a public higher education institution arising out of teaching or research on medical, artistic, scientific, legal, or other scholarly issues, including any records of legal clinics or centers, excluding financial records.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 6 (03/23/2026)