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Public records

- Adds emergency service telecommunicators and certain Ohio National Guard members to the list of professions whose residential and familial information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law.
- Permits those added persons to request the person's address be redacted from any record of a public office that is publicly available on the internet in which the person's residential and familial information appears, except for the records of a county auditor.
- Permits those added persons or their spouses to request that the county auditor replace the person's or spouse's name or initials on records publicly available on the Internet or in a publicly accessible database.

Contact tracing

- Prohibits the Governor from issuing an order requiring an individual to participate in contact tracing and prohibits the Ohio Department of Health, another state agency, a local board of health, or any other person or government entity under contract with the foregoing, from requiring an individual to participate in contact tracing.
- Requires oral, written, electronic, or telephonic consent to participate in contact tracing.
- Prohibits any penalties, including withholding medical treatment, from being imposed on an individual who refuses to participate in contact tracing efforts.
- Specifies that any record created during the contact tracing process is not a public record and that disclosure of protected health information collected during the process must be done in accordance with existing Ohio law that is consistent with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule.