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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill includes an emergency service telecommunicator within the definition of “designated public service worker” and as a result exempts an emergency service telecommunicator’s residential and familial information from disclosure under the Public Records Law. An emergency service telecommunicator is an individual employed by an emergency service provider, whose primary responsibility is to be an operator for the receipt or processing of calls for emergency services made by telephone, radio, or other electronic means.

The bill further permits such a telecommunicator to request that their address be redacted from any record of a public office that is publicly available on the Internet in which the telecommunicator’s residential and familial information appears, except for the records of a county auditor. Finally, as it applies to publicly available records stored by the county auditor, the bill permits a telecommunicator to request that the county auditor replace the telecommunicator’s name with their initials in those records.

The provisions of the bill already apply to certain listed professions under current law. In essence, the bill simply adds emergency services telecommunicators to this list. Because of this, political subdivisions have procedures in place from the removal or redaction of personal information of these employees. Adding telecommunicators to the list of professions whose familial and residential information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law would appear to result in a no more than minimal annual cost increase or added administrative burden for political subdivisions.