



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Exempts from disclosure under the Public Records Act military records provided by an officer or employee of a township or municipal corporation to the township or municipal corporation for personnel matters.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Military record exemption

The Public Records Act requires a public office or person responsible for public records, when a request for a "public record" is made, to promptly prepare the public record and make it available to the requester for inspection at all reasonable times during regular business hours, or to make copies of the requested public record available to the requester at cost and within a reasonable period of time. The bill adds to the list of records that are **not** "public records" military records provided by an officer or employee of a township or municipal corporation to the township or municipal corporation for personnel matters, thus exempting these military records from disclosure under the Act.¹

The Public Records Act applies to all "public offices," meaning any state agency, public institution, political subdivision, or other organized body, office, agency, institution, or entity established by the laws of Ohio for the exercise of any function of government, except for the nonprofit corporation commonly known as JobsOhio.² A "public record" is a record kept by any public office, including state, county, city,

¹ R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(dd).

² R.C. 149.011(A), not in the bill.

village, township, and school district units, and records pertaining to the delivery of educational services by an alternative school in Ohio kept by the nonprofit or for-profit entity operating the alternative school.³ A "record" includes any document, device, or item, regardless of physical form or characteristic, including an electronic record, created or received by or coming under the jurisdiction of any public office of the state or its political subdivisions, that serves to document the office's organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities.⁴

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 149.43(A)(1).

⁴ R.C. 149.011(G), not in the bill.

