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***Raised Bill No. 1157***

LCO No. 4662



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE FREEDOM OF  
INFORMATION ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC  
AGENCIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-217 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
3 *2023*):

4 (a) No public agency may disclose, under the Freedom of Information  
5 Act, from its personnel, medical or similar files, the residential address  
6 of any of the following persons employed by such public agency:

7 (1) A federal court judge, federal court magistrate, judge of the  
8 Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the state, or  
9 family support magistrate;

10 (2) A sworn member of a municipal police department, a sworn  
11 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of  
12 Emergency Services and Public Protection or a sworn law enforcement

13 officer within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;

14 (3) An employee of the Department of Correction;

15 (4) An attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state in  
16 a criminal prosecution;

17 (5) An attorney-at-law who is or has been employed by the Division  
18 of Public Defender Services or a social worker who is employed by the  
19 Division of Public Defender Services;

20 (6) An inspector employed by the Division of Criminal Justice;

21 (7) A firefighter;

22 (8) An employee of the Department of Children and Families;

23 (9) A member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles;

24 (10) An employee of the judicial branch;

25 (11) An employee of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
26 Services who provides direct care to patients;

27 (12) A member or employee of the Commission on Human Rights  
28 and Opportunities; [or]

29 (13) A state marshal appointed by the State Marshal Commission  
30 pursuant to section 6-38b;

31 (14) A judicial marshal employed by the judicial branch;

32 (15) An employee of the disability determination services unit within  
33 the Department of Aging and Disability Services;

34 (16) An employee of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services within the  
35 Department of Aging and Disability Services; and

36 (17) An employee of the Office of the Attorney General.

37 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 1-214 of the general statutes is  
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
39 *2023*):

40 (b) (1) Whenever a public agency receives a request to inspect or copy  
41 records contained in any of its employees' personnel or medical files and  
42 similar files, and the agency reasonably believes that the disclosure of  
43 such records would legally constitute an invasion of privacy, the agency  
44 shall immediately notify in writing (A) each employee concerned,  
45 provided such notice shall not be required to be in writing where  
46 impractical due to the large number of employees concerned, and (B)  
47 the collective bargaining representative, if any, of each employee  
48 concerned.

49 (2) Whenever a public agency receives a request to inspect or copy  
50 records contained in any of its employees' personnel or medical files and  
51 similar files, and the agency reasonably believes that the disclosure of  
52 such records would not legally constitute an invasion of privacy, either  
53 (A) the agency shall first disclose the requested records to the person  
54 making the request to inspect or copy such records and subsequently,  
55 within a reasonable time after such disclosure, make a reasonable  
56 attempt to send a written or an electronic copy of the request to inspect  
57 or copy such records, if applicable, or a brief description of such request,  
58 to each employee concerned and the collective bargaining  
59 representative, if any, of each employee concerned, or (B) in the case of  
60 a mass request, prior to disclosing such records to the person making  
61 such request, the agency shall make a reasonable attempt to send a  
62 written or electronic copy of the request to inspect or copy such records,  
63 or a brief description of such request, to each employee concerned and  
64 the collective bargaining representative, if any, of each employee  
65 concerned. For purposes of this subdivision, "mass request" means a  
66 request concerning fifty or more employees.

67 (3) Nothing in this section shall require an agency to withhold from  
68 disclosure the contents of personnel or medical files and similar files  
69 when it does not reasonably believe that such disclosure would legally

70 constitute an invasion of personal privacy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	1-217(a)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	1-214(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To expand the list of public agency employees whose residential addresses are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act and require employee notification of mass requests prior to disclosure under said act.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*