

SENATE BILL No. 639

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 AN ACT concerning public records; relating to certain records not re-
10 quired to be open; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 45-221 and repealing
11 the existing section.

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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 45-221 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 45-221. (a) Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required
16 by law, a public agency shall not be required to disclose:

17 (1) Records the disclosure of which is specifically prohibited or re-
18 stricted by federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas supreme court
19 or the disclosure of which is prohibited or restricted pursuant to specific
20 authorization of federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas supreme
21 court to restrict or prohibit disclosure.

22 (2) Records which are privileged under the rules of evidence, unless
23 the holder of the privilege consents to the disclosure.

24 (3) Medical, psychiatric, psychological or alcoholism or drug depend-
25 ency treatment records which pertain to identifiable patients.

26 (4) Personnel records, performance ratings or individually identifi-
27 able records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, except
28 that this exemption shall not apply to the names, positions, salaries or
29 actual compensation employment contracts or employment-related con-
30 tracts or agreements and lengths of service of officers and employees of
31 public agencies once they are employed as such.

32 (5) Information which would reveal the identity of any undercover
33 agent or any informant reporting a specific violation of law.

34 (6) Letters of reference or recommendation pertaining to the char-
35 acter or qualifications of an identifiable individual, except documents re-
36 lating to the appointment of persons to fill a vacancy in an elected office.

37 (7) Library, archive and museum materials contributed by private
38 persons, to the extent of any limitations imposed as conditions of the
39 contribution.

40 (8) Information which would reveal the identity of an individual who
41 lawfully makes a donation to a public agency, if anonymity of the donor
42 is a condition of the donation, except if the donation is intended for or
43 restricted to providing remuneration or personal tangible benefit to a

1 named public officer or employee.

2 (9) Testing and examination materials, before the test or examination
3 is given or if it is to be given again, or records of individual test or ex-
4 amination scores, other than records which show only passage or failure
5 and not specific scores.

6 (10) Criminal investigation records, except as provided herein. The
7 district court, in an action brought pursuant to K.S.A. 45-222, and amend-
8 ments thereto, may order disclosure of such records, subject to such con-
9 ditions as the court may impose, if the court finds that disclosure:

10 (A) Is in the public interest;

11 (B) would not interfere with any prospective law enforcement action,
12 criminal investigation or prosecution;

13 (C) would not reveal the identity of any confidential source or un-
14 dercover agent;

15 (D) would not reveal confidential investigative techniques or proce-
16 dures not known to the general public;

17 (E) would not endanger the life or physical safety of any person; and

18 (F) would not reveal the name, address, phone number or any other
19 information which specifically and individually identifies the victim of any
20 sexual offense in article 35 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Anno-
21 tated, and amendments thereto.

22 If a public record is discretionarily closed by a public agency pursuant
23 to this subsection, the record custodian, upon request, shall provide a
24 written citation to the specific provisions of paragraphs (A) through (F)
25 that necessitate closure of that public record.

26 (11) Records of agencies involved in administrative adjudication or
27 civil litigation, compiled in the process of detecting or investigating vio-
28 lations of civil law or administrative rules and regulations, if disclosure
29 would interfere with a prospective administrative adjudication or civil
30 litigation or reveal the identity of a confidential source or undercover
31 agent.

32 (12) Records of emergency or security information or procedures of
33 a public agency, or plans, drawings, specifications or related information
34 for any building or facility which is used for purposes requiring security
35 measures in or around the building or facility or which is used for the
36 generation or transmission of power, water, fuels or communications, if
37 disclosure would jeopardize security of the public agency, building or
38 facility.

39 (13) The contents of appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates
40 or evaluations made by or for a public agency relative to the acquisition
41 of property, prior to the award of formal contracts therefor.

42 (14) Correspondence between a public agency and a private individ-
43 ual, other than correspondence which is intended to give notice of an

- 1 action, policy or determination relating to any regulatory, supervisory or
2 enforcement responsibility of the public agency or which is widely dis-
3 tributed to the public by a public agency and is not specifically in response
4 to communications from such a private individual.
- 5 (15) Records pertaining to employer-employee negotiations, if dis-
6 closure would reveal information discussed in a lawful executive session
7 under K.S.A. 75-4319, and amendments thereto.
- 8 (16) Software programs for electronic data processing and documen-
9 tation thereof, but each public agency shall maintain a register, open to
10 the public, that describes:
- 11 (A) The information which the agency maintains on computer facil-
12 ities; and
- 13 (B) the form in which the information can be made available using
14 existing computer programs.
- 15 (17) Applications, financial statements and other information sub-
16 mitted in connection with applications for student financial assistance
17 where financial need is a consideration for the award.
- 18 (18) Plans, designs, drawings or specifications which are prepared by
19 a person other than an employee of a public agency or records which are
20 the property of a private person.
- 21 (19) Well samples, logs or surveys which the state corporation com-
22 mission requires to be filed by persons who have drilled or caused to be
23 drilled, or are drilling or causing to be drilled, holes for the purpose of
24 discovery or production of oil or gas, to the extent that disclosure is limited
25 by rules and regulations of the state corporation commission.
- 26 (20) Notes, preliminary drafts, research data in the process of anal-
27 ysis, unfunded grant proposals, memoranda, recommendations or other
28 records in which opinions are expressed or policies or actions are pro-
29 posed, except that this exemption shall not apply when such records are
30 publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or in an agenda of an open
31 meeting.
- 32 (21) Records of a public agency having legislative powers, which re-
33 cords pertain to proposed legislation or amendments to proposed legis-
34 lation, except that this exemption shall not apply when such records are:
- 35 (A) Publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or in an agenda
36 of an open meeting; or
- 37 (B) distributed to a majority of a quorum of any body which has au-
38 thority to take action or make recommendations to the public agency with
39 regard to the matters to which such records pertain.
- 40 (22) Records of a public agency having legislative powers, which re-
41 cords pertain to research prepared for one or more members of such
42 agency, except that this exemption shall not apply when such records are:
- 43 (A) Publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or in an agenda

1 of an open meeting; or

2 (B) distributed to a majority of a quorum of any body which has au-
3 thority to take action or make recommendations to the public agency with
4 regard to the matters to which such records pertain.

5 (23) Library patron and circulation records which pertain to identi-
6 fiable individuals.

7 (24) Records which are compiled for census or research purposes and
8 which pertain to identifiable individuals.

9 (25) Records which represent and constitute the work product of an
10 attorney.

11 (26) Records of a utility or other public service pertaining to individ-
12 ually identifiable residential customers of the utility or service, except that
13 information concerning billings for specific individual customers named
14 by the requester shall be subject to disclosure as provided by this act.

15 (27) Specifications for competitive bidding, until the specifications
16 are officially approved by the public agency.

17 (28) Sealed bids and related documents, until a bid is accepted or all
18 bids rejected.

19 (29) Correctional records pertaining to an identifiable inmate or re-
20 lease, except that:

21 (A) The name; photograph and other identifying information; sen-
22 tence data; parole eligibility date; custody or supervision level; disciplinary
23 record; supervision violations; conditions of supervision, excluding
24 requirements pertaining to mental health or substance abuse counseling;
25 location of facility where incarcerated or location of parole office main-
26 taining supervision and address of a releasee whose crime was committed
27 after the effective date of this act shall be subject to disclosure to any
28 person other than another inmate or releasee, except that the disclosure
29 of the location of an inmate transferred to another state pursuant to the
30 interstate corrections compact shall be at the discretion of the secretary
31 of corrections;

32 (B) the ombudsman of corrections, the attorney general, law enforce-
33 ment agencies, counsel for the inmate to whom the record pertains and
34 any county or district attorney shall have access to correctional records to
35 the extent otherwise permitted by law;

36 (C) the information provided to the law enforcement agency pursu-
37 ant to the sex offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901, et seq., and
38 amendments thereto, shall be subject to disclosure to any person, except
39 that the name, address, telephone number or any other information which
40 specifically and individually identifies the victim of any offender required
41 to register as provided by the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-
42 4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall not be disclosed; and

43 (D) records of the department of corrections regarding the financial

1 assets of an offender in the custody of the secretary of corrections shall
2 be subject to disclosure to the victim, or such victim's family, of the crime
3 for which the inmate is in custody as set forth in an order of restitution
4 by the sentencing court.

5 (30) Public records containing information of a personal nature
6 where the public disclosure thereof would constitute a clearly unwar-
7 ranted invasion of personal privacy.

8 (31) Public records pertaining to prospective location of a business
9 or industry where no previous public disclosure has been made of the
10 business' or industry's interest in locating in, relocating within or expand-
11 ing within the state. This exception shall not include those records per-
12 taining to application of agencies for permits or licenses necessary to do
13 business or to expand business operations within this state, except as
14 otherwise provided by law.

15 (32) Engineering and architectural estimates made by or for any pub-
16 lic agency relative to public improvements.

17 (33) Financial information submitted by contractors in qualification
18 statements to any public agency.

19 (34) Records involved in the obtaining and processing of intellectual
20 property rights that are expected to be, wholly or partially vested in or
21 owned by a state educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and
22 amendments thereto, or an assignee of the institution organized and ex-
23 isting for the benefit of the institution.

24 (35) Any report or record which is made pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4922,
25 65-4923 or 65-4924, and amendments thereto, and which is privileged
26 pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4915 or 65-4925, and amendments thereto.

27 (36) Information which would reveal the precise location of an ar-
28 cheological site.

29 (37) Any financial data or traffic information from a railroad company,
30 to a public agency, concerning the sale, lease or rehabilitation of the
31 railroad's property in Kansas.

32 (38) Risk-based capital reports, risk-based capital plans and corrective
33 orders including the working papers and the results of any analysis filed
34 with the commissioner of insurance in accordance with K.S.A. 40-2c20
35 and 40-2d20, and amendments thereto.

36 (39) Memoranda and related materials required to be used to support
37 the annual actuarial opinions submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of
38 K.S.A. 40-409, and amendments thereto.

39 (40) Disclosure reports filed with the commissioner of insurance un-
40 der subsection (a) of K.S.A. 40-2,156, and amendments thereto.

41 (41) All financial analysis ratios and examination synopses concerning
42 insurance companies that are submitted to the commissioner by the na-
43 tional association of insurance commissioners' insurance regulatory infor-

1 mation system.

2 (42) Any records the disclosure of which is restricted or prohibited
3 by a tribal-state gaming compact.

4 (43) Market research, market plans, business plans and the terms and
5 conditions of managed care or other third party contracts, developed or
6 entered into by the university of Kansas medical center in the operation
7 and management of the university hospital which the chancellor of the
8 university of Kansas or the chancellor's designee determines would give
9 an unfair advantage to competitors of the university of Kansas medical
10 center.

11 (44) The amount of franchise tax paid to the secretary of revenue or
12 the secretary of state by domestic corporations, foreign corporations, do-
13 mestic limited liability companies, foreign limited liability companies, do-
14 mestic limited partnership, foreign limited partnership, domestic limited
15 liability partnerships and foreign limited liability partnerships.

16 (45) Records, other than criminal investigation records, the disclo-
17 sure of which would pose a substantial likelihood of revealing security
18 measures that protect: (A) Systems, facilities or equipment used in the
19 production, transmission or distribution of energy, water or communi-
20 cations services; (B) transportation and sewer or wastewater treatment
21 systems, facilities or equipment; or (C) private property or persons, if the
22 records are submitted to the agency. For purposes of this paragraph,
23 security means measures that protect against criminal acts intended to
24 intimidate or coerce the civilian population, influence government policy
25 by intimidation or coercion or to affect the operation of government by
26 disruption of public services, mass destruction, assassination or kidnap-
27 ping. Security measures include, but are not limited to, intelligence in-
28 formation, tactical plans, resource deployment and vulnerability
29 assessments.

30 (46) Any information or material received by the register of deeds of
31 a county from military discharge papers (DD Form 214). Such papers
32 shall be disclosed: To the military dischargee; to such dischargee's im-
33 mediate family members and lineal descendants; to such dischargee's
34 heirs, agents or assigns; to the licensed funeral director who has custody
35 of the body of the deceased dischargee; when required by a department
36 or agency of the federal or state government or a political subdivision
37 thereof; when the form is required to perfect the claim of military service
38 or honorable discharge or a claim of a dependent of the dischargee; and
39 upon the written approval of the commissioner of veterans affairs, to a
40 person conducting research.

41 (47) Information that would reveal the location of a shelter or a sa-
42 fehouse or similar place where persons are provided protection from
43 abuse.

1 (48) *Workers compensation policy information provided by an insur-*
2 *ance carrier writing workers compensation insurance to the director of*
3 *workers compensation in accordance with subsection (h)(1) of K.S.A. 44-*
4 *532, and amendments thereto. This exemption shall not be construed to*
5 *preclude access to an individual employer's record for the purpose of*
6 *verification of workers compensation coverage.*

7 (b) Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law or as
8 appropriate during the course of an administrative proceeding or on ap-
9 peal from agency action, a public agency or officer shall not disclose fi-
10 nancial information of a taxpayer which may be required or requested by
11 a county appraiser or the director of property valuation to assist in the
12 determination of the value of the taxpayer's property for ad valorem tax-
13 ation purposes; or any financial information of a personal nature required
14 or requested by a public agency or officer, including a name, job descrip-
15 tion or title revealing the salary or other compensation of officers, em-
16 ployees or applicants for employment with a firm, corporation or agency,
17 except a public agency. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to
18 prohibit the publication of statistics, so classified as to prevent identifi-
19 cation of particular reports or returns and the items thereof.

20 (c) As used in this section, the term "cited or identified" shall not
21 include a request to an employee of a public agency that a document be
22 prepared.

23 (d) If a public record contains material which is not subject to dis-
24 closure pursuant to this act, the public agency shall separate or delete
25 such material and make available to the requester that material in the
26 public record which is subject to disclosure pursuant to this act. If a public
27 record is not subject to disclosure because it pertains to an identifiable
28 individual, the public agency shall delete the identifying portions of the
29 record and make available to the requester any remaining portions which
30 are subject to disclosure pursuant to this act, unless the request is for a
31 record pertaining to a specific individual or to such a limited group of
32 individuals that the individuals' identities are reasonably ascertainable, the
33 public agency shall not be required to disclose those portions of the record
34 which pertain to such individual or individuals.

35 (e) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to exempt
36 from public disclosure statistical information not descriptive of any iden-
37 tifiable person.

38 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), any public rec-
39 ord which has been in existence more than 70 years shall be open for
40 inspection by any person unless disclosure of the record is specifically
41 prohibited or restricted by federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas
42 supreme court or by a policy adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6214, and
43 amendments thereto.

1 (g) Any confidential records or information relating to security meas-
2 ures provided or received under the provisions of subsection (a)(45) shall
3 not be subject to subpoena, discovery or other demand in any adminis-
4 trative, criminal or civil action.
5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 45-221 is hereby repealed.
6 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
7 publication in the statute book.