

House Bill 903

By: Representative Smyre of the 111th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 exceptions from the requirements of public disclosure, so as to exempt disclosure of certain
3 personal information; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exceptions
8 from the requirements of public disclosure, is amended by striking subparagraph (a)(11.3)(A)
9 and inserting in its place a new subparagraph (a)(11.3)(A) to read as follows:

10 "(11.3)(A) An individual's social security number, home street address, telephone
11 numbers other than business phone numbers, mother's birth name, credit card
12 information, debit card information, bank account information, financial data or
13 information, and insurance or medical information in all records, and if technically
14 feasible at reasonable cost, day and month of birth, which shall be redacted prior to
15 disclosure of any record requested pursuant to this article; provided, however, that such
16 information shall not be redacted from such records if the person or entity requesting
17 such records requests such information in a writing signed under oath by such person
18 or a person legally authorized to represent such entity which states that such person or
19 entity is gathering information as a representative of a news media organization for use
20 in connection with news gathering and reporting; and provided, further, that such access
21 shall be limited to social security numbers, home street address, telephone numbers
22 other than business phone numbers, and day and month of birth; and provided, further,
23 that this news media organization exception for access to social security numbers, home
24 street address, telephone numbers other than business phone numbers, and day and
25 month of birth and the other protected information set forth in this subparagraph shall
26 not apply to teachers and employees of a public school."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
3 without such approval.

4 **SECTION 3.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.