

House Bill 246 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104th and Jenkins of the 93rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exceptions from the requirements of disclosure of public records, so as to change certain provisions relating to exceptions from the requirements of disclosure of public records; to provide an exception to public disclosure requirements with respect to public records of an emergency "911" system containing information which would reveal the name, address, or telephone number of a person placing a call to a public safety answering point, which information may be redacted from such records in certain cases; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 50-18-72, relating to exceptions from the requirements of disclosure of public records, is amended by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (13.1) of subsection (a), striking the period at the end of paragraph (14) of subsection (a) and inserting "; or" in lieu thereof, and adding a new paragraph (15) of subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(15) Unless the request is made by the accused in a criminal case or by his or her attorney, public records of an emergency '911' system, as defined in paragraph (3) of Code Section 46-5-122, containing information which would reveal the name, address, or telephone number of a person placing a call to a public safety answering point, which information may be redacted from such records if necessary to prevent the disclosure of the identity of a confidential source, to prevent disclosure of material which would endanger the life or physical safety of any person or persons, or to prevent the disclosure of the existence of a confidential surveillance or investigation."

SECTION 2.

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

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- All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.