

Senate Bill 124

By: Senators Heath of the 31st, Butterworth of the 50th, Staton of the 18th, Murphy of the 27th and Jackson of the 24th

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 when public disclosure is not required and disclosure of exempting legal authority, so as to
3 provide that social security numbers in public documents shall not be disclosed; to repeal an
4 exception; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other 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 when public
8 disclosure is not required and disclosure of exempting legal authority, is amended by revising
9 paragraph (11.1) of subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(11.1) An individual's social security number and insurance or medical information in
11 personnel records, which ~~may~~ shall be redacted from such records prior to disclosure of
12 any record requested pursuant to this article;"

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 Said Code section is further amended by revising subparagraph (a)(11.3)(A) as follows:

15 "(11.3)(A) An individual's social security number, mother's birth name, credit card
16 information, debit card information, bank account information, financial data or
17 information, and insurance or medical information in all records, and if technically
18 feasible at reasonable cost, day and month of birth, which shall be redacted prior to
19 disclosure of any record requested pursuant to this article; ~~provided, however, that such~~
20 ~~information shall not be redacted from such records if the person or entity requesting~~
21 ~~such records requests such information in a writing signed under oath by such person~~
22 ~~or a person legally authorized to represent such entity which states that such person or~~
23 ~~entity is gathering information as a representative of a news media organization for use~~
24 ~~in connection with news gathering and reporting; and provided, further, that such access~~
25 ~~shall be limited to social security numbers and day and month of birth; and provided,~~

26 ~~further, that this news media organization exception for access to social security~~
27 ~~numbers and day and month of birth and the other protected information set forth in this~~
28 ~~subparagraph shall not apply to teachers, employees of a public school, or public~~
29 ~~employees as set forth in paragraph (13.1) of this subsection. For purposes of this~~
30 ~~subparagraph, the term 'public employee' means any nonelected employee of the State~~
31 ~~of Georgia or its agencies, departments, or commissions or any county or municipality~~
32 ~~or its agencies, departments, or commissions."~~

33 **SECTION 3.**

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