

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to SB 26:

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 of public records is not required and the disclosure of exempting legal
3 authority, so as to clarify disclosure of federal records; to limit the disclosure of certain
4 private information of firefighters and emergency medical technicians; to limit the disclosure
5 of individual account numbers and passwords used to access accounts; to provide for related
6 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when public
10 disclosure of public records is not required and the disclosure of exempting legal authority,
11 is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a), subparagraph (a)(11.3)(A), and
12 paragraph (13) of subsection (a) as follows:

13 "(1) Specifically required by ~~the federal government~~ statute or regulation to be kept
14 confidential;"

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

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

34 "(13) Records that would reveal the home address or telephone number, social security
35 number, or insurance or medical information of employees of the Department of
36 Revenue, law enforcement officers, firefighters as defined in Code Section 25-4-2,
37 judges, emergency medical technicians and paramedics, scientists employed by the
38 Division of Forensic Sciences of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, correctional
39 employees, and prosecutors or identification of immediate family members or dependents
40 thereof;"

41 **SECTION 2.**

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