

Senate Bill 215

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Walker III of the 20th, Robertson of the 29th, Esteves of the 6th and others

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to inspection of public records, so as to protect from public disclosure certain  
3 personal information of public employees; to remove an exemption relating to public  
4 disclosure of certain public records pertaining to public employees; to provide for definitions;  
5 to require local governments to remove upon request certain personally identifiable  
6 information of public employees from certain property records; to require local governments  
7 to provide a form for such requests; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
8 and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
12 inspection of public records, is amended by revising paragraph (21) of subsection (a) Code  
13 Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required, as follows:

14 "(21) Records concerning public employees that reveal the public employee's home  
15 address, home telephone number, personal mobile or wireless telephone number, day and

16 month of birth, social security number, insurance information, medical information,  
 17 mother's birth name, credit card information, debit card information, bank account  
 18 information, account number, utility account number, password used to access his or her  
 19 account, financial data and information other than compensation by a government  
 20 agency, unlisted telephone number if so designated in a public record, and the identity of  
 21 the public employee's immediate family members or dependents. ~~This paragraph shall~~  
 22 ~~not apply to public records that do not specifically identify public employees or their~~  
 23 ~~jobs, titles, or offices.~~ For the purposes of this paragraph, the term 'public employee'  
 24 means any officer, employee, or former employee of:

- 25 (A) The State of Georgia or its agencies, departments, or commissions;
- 26 (B) Any county or municipality or its agencies, departments, or commissions;
- 27 (C) Other political subdivisions of this state;
- 28 (D) Teachers in public and charter schools and nonpublic schools;
- 29 (E) Early care and education programs administered through the Department of Early  
 30 Care and Learning; or
- 31 (F) The federal government or its agencies, departments, or commissions;”

## 32 SECTION 2.

33 Said article is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

34 "50-18-78.

35 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

36 (1) 'Local government' means any county or municipality of this state.

37 (2) 'Personally identifiable information' means the residential address or phone number  
 38 of an individual and the individual's spouse, if applicable.

39 (3) 'Public employee' means an individual employed by a local government or the  
 40 executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the federal government or the government of  
 41 this state, or any department, board, bureau, agency, commission, or authority thereof.

42 (b) Within 30 days after receiving a written request by any public employee, a local  
43 government shall remove the personally identifiable information of such employee from  
44 all property records that are publicly available on any internet website of the local  
45 government.

46 (c) On or before September 1, 2024, each local government shall provide a form for a  
47 public employee to use when requesting removal of personally identifiable information,  
48 which may include a process for verification of employment as a public employee. Such  
49 form shall be made available by the local government on its internet website."

50 **SECTION 3.**

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