Senate Bill 212

By: Senators Balfour of the 9th, Williams of the 19th and Rogers of the 21st

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 50-18-72 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public records which are not required to be made available for public inspection and copying, so as to provide that disclosure to the news media shall not be required for social security numbers or the day and month of birth of public employees; to provide for related matters; 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 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to public records which are not required to be made available for public inspection and copying, is amended by revising subparagraph (a)(11.3)(A) as follows:

"(11.3)(A) An individual´s social security number, mother´s birth name, credit card information, debit card information, bank account information, financial data or information, and insurance or medical information in all records, and if technically feasible at reasonable cost, day and month of birth, which shall be redacted prior to disclosure of any record requested pursuant to this article; provided, however, that such information shall not be redacted from such records if the person or entity requesting such records requests such information in a writing signed under oath by such person or a person legally authorized to represent such entity which states that such person or entity is gathering information as a representative of a news media organization for use in connection with news gathering and reporting; and provided, further, that such access shall be limited to social security numbers and day and month of birth; and provided, further, that this news media organization exception for access to social security numbers and day and month of birth and the other protected information set forth in this subparagraph shall not apply to teachers, ~~and~~ employees of a public school, or public employees as set forth in paragraph (13.1) of this subsection. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'public employee' means any nonelected employee of the State

of Georgia or its agencies, departments, or commissions or any county or municipality or its agencies, departments, or commissions."

SECTION 2.

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

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.