

SHORT TITLE: Officers; prohibiting release of certain information  
to persons convicted of felony; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 562

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to officers; amending 51 O.S. 1991, Sections 24A.3 and 24A.8, which relate to definitions and disclosure of records; adding the Department of Corrections in definition of law enforcement agency; prohibiting release of certain information to persons convicted of felony; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 1991, Section 24A.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 24A.3 Definitions. As used in this act:

1. "Record" means all documents, including, but not limited to, any book, paper, photograph, microfilm, computer tape, disk, and record, sound recording, film recording, video record or other material regardless of physical form or characteristic, created by, received by, under the authority of, or coming into the custody, control or possession of public officials, public bodies, or their representatives in connection with the transaction of public business, the expenditure of public funds or the administering of public property. "Record" does not mean nongovernment personal

effects or, unless public disclosure is required by other laws or regulations, personal financial statements submitted to a public body for the purpose of obtaining a license, permit, or for the purpose of becoming qualified to contract with a public body;

2. "Public body" shall include, but not be limited to, any office, department, board, bureau, commission, agency, trusteeship, authority, council, committee, trust, county, city, village, town, township, district, school district, fair board, court, executive office, advisory group, task force, study group, or any subdivision thereof, supported in whole or in part by public funds or entrusted with the expenditure of public funds or administering or operating public property, and all committees, or subcommittees thereof. Except for the records required by Section 24A.4 of this title, "public body" does not mean judges, justices, the State Legislature, or State Legislators;

3. "Public office" means the physical location where public bodies conduct business or keep records;

4. "Public official" means any official or employee of any public body as defined herein; and

5. "Law enforcement agency" means any public body charged with enforcing state or local criminal laws and initiating criminal prosecutions, including, but not limited to, police departments, county sheriffs, the Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, ~~and~~ the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and the Department of Corrections.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 1991, Section 24A.8, is amended to read as follows:

Section 24A.8 A. Law enforcement agencies shall make available for public inspection, if kept, the following records:

1. An arrestee description, including the name, date of birth, address, race, sex, physical description, and occupation of the arrestee;

2. Facts concerning the arrest, including the cause of arrest and the name of the arresting officer;

3. Conviction information, including the name of any person convicted of a criminal offense;

4. Disposition of all warrants, including orders signed by a judge of any court commanding a law enforcement officer to arrest a particular person;

5. A chronological list of incidents, including initial offense report information showing the offense, date, time, general location, officer and a brief summary of what occurred;

6. A crime summary, including a departmental summary of crimes reported and public calls for service by classification or nature and number;

7. Radio logs, including a chronological listing of the calls dispatched; and

8. Jail registers, including jail blotter data or jail booking information recorded on persons at the time of incarceration showing the name of each prisoner with the date and cause of his commitment, the authority committing him, whether committed for a criminal offense, a description of his person, and the date or manner of his discharge or escape.

B. Except for the records listed in subsection A of this section and those made open by other state or local laws, law enforcement agencies may deny access to law enforcement records except where a court finds that the public interest or the interest of an individual outweighs the reason for denial.

C. Nothing contained in this section imposes any new recordkeeping requirements. Law enforcement records shall be kept for as long as is now or may hereafter be specified by law. Absent

a legal requirement for the keeping of a law enforcement record for a specific time period, law enforcement agencies shall maintain their records for so long as needed for administrative purposes.

D. Registration files maintained by the Department of Corrections pursuant to the provisions of the Sex Offenders Registration Act, Section 581 et seq. of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall not be made available for public inspection.

E. Information relating to any crime victim, any crime victim's statements and information provided to the Department of Corrections by any citizen concerning a convicted felon shall not be made available for public inspection to any person convicted of a felony.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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