

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 285

By: Anderson of the Senate

and

Jackson, McDaniel  
(Jeannie), Cannaday and  
Cooksey of the House

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Open Records Act; amending 51 O.S. 2001, Section 24A.10, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 2008 (51 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 24A.10), which relates to confidentiality of records; authorizing certain entities to keep specified information confidential; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 2001, Section 24A.10, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 284, O.S.L. 2008 (51 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 24A.10), is amended to read as follows:

Section 24A.10 A. Any information, records or other material heretofore voluntarily supplied to any state agency, board or commission which was not required to be considered by that agency, board or commission in the performance of its duties may, within thirty (30) days from June 6, 1988, be removed from the files of such agency, board or commission by the person or entity which originally voluntarily supplied such information. Provided, after thirty (30) days from the effective date of this act, any information voluntarily supplied shall be subject to full disclosure pursuant to this act.

B. If disclosure would give an unfair advantage to competitors or bidders, a public body may keep confidential records relating to:

1. Bid specifications for competitive bidding prior to publication by the public body; or
2. Contents of sealed bids prior to the opening of bids by a public body; or
3. Computer programs or software but not data thereon; or
4. Appraisals relating to the sale or acquisition of real estate by a public body prior to award of a contract; or
5. The prospective location of a private business or industry prior to public disclosure of such prospect except for records otherwise open to inspection such as applications for permits or licenses.

C. Except as set forth hereafter, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and the technology center school districts may keep confidential:

1. Business plans, feasibility studies, financing proposals, marketing plans, financial statements or trade secrets submitted by a person or entity seeking economic advice, business development or customized training from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce such Departments or school districts; and

2. Proprietary information of the business submitted to the Department or school districts for the purpose of business development or customized training, and related confidentiality agreements detailing the information or records designated as confidential; and

3. Information compiled by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce such Departments or school districts in response to those submissions.

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and the technology center school districts may not keep confidential that submitted information when

and to the extent the person or entity submitting the information consents to disclosure.

D. Although they must provide public access to their records, including records of the address, rate paid for services, charges, consumption rates, adjustments to the bill, reasons for adjustment, the name of the person that authorized the adjustment, and payment for each customer, public bodies that provide utility services to the public may keep confidential credit information, credit card numbers, telephone numbers, social security numbers, bank account information for individual customers, and utility supply and utility equipment supply contracts for any industrial customer with a connected electric load in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) kilowatts if public access to such contracts would give an unfair advantage to competitors of the customer; provided that, where a public body performs billing or collection services for a utility regulated by the Corporation Commission pursuant to a contractual agreement, any customer or individual payment data obtained or created by the public body in performance of the agreement shall not be a record for purposes of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

Passed the Senate the 4th day of May, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of April, 2009.

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of Representatives