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SENATE BILL NO. 84

Introduced by: Senators Rusch, Cronin, Frerichs, Heinert, Kennedy, Monroe, Nelson, Nesiba, Novstrup, Stalzer, and Youngberg and Representatives Johnson, Bartling, Frye-Mueller, Heinemann, Jensen (Kevin), Kaiser, Lesmeister, McCleerey, Rasmussen, Ring, Smith, Steinhauer, and Willadsen

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding public records.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That chapter 1-27 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

4 If any agency of the state or any political subdivision of the state is a party to a legal claim
5 involving monetary damages, equitable relief, or a violation of any statute or rule, the agency
6 or subdivision shall provide a summary of any settlement agreement reached between the parties
7 of the legal claim to any member of the public who submits a request to the agency or
8 subdivision. A summary under this section shall include the identities of any party to the legal
9 claim, the subject of the legal claim, the terms of the settlement agreement reached between the
10 parties to settle the legal claim, any payments made by or on behalf of the agency or subdivision
11 pursuant to the settlement agreement, and any action to be taken by the agency or subdivision
12 pursuant to the settlement agreement. The summary and settlement agreement under this section
13 shall be a public record as defined under § 1.27-1.1. Nothing in this section may be interpreted
14 to prohibit a judge from sealing any part of the record of a legal proceeding other than the



1 summary or settlement agreement under this section.

2 Section 2. That § 1-27-1.5 be amended to read:

3 1-27-1.5. The following records are not subject to §§ 1-27-1, 1-27-1.1, and 1-27-1.3:

4 (1) Personal information in records regarding any student, prospective student, or former
5 student of any educational institution if such records are maintained by and in the
6 possession of a public entity, other than routine directory information specified and
7 made public consistent with 20 U. S.C. 1232g, as such section existed on January 1,
8 2009;

9 (2) Medical records, including all records of drug or alcohol testing, treatment, or
10 counseling, other than records of births and deaths. This law in no way abrogates or
11 changes existing state and federal law pertaining to birth and death records;

12 (3) Trade secrets, the specific details of bona fide research, applied research, or scholarly
13 or creative artistic projects being conducted at a school, postsecondary institution or
14 laboratory funded in whole or in part by the state, and other proprietary or
15 commercial information which if released would infringe intellectual property rights,
16 give advantage to business competitors, or serve no material public purpose;

17 (4) Records which consist of attorney work product or which are subject to any privilege
18 recognized in article V of chapter 19-19;

19 (5) Records developed or received by law enforcement agencies and other public bodies
20 charged with duties of investigation or examination of persons, institutions, or
21 businesses, if the records constitute a part of the examination, investigation,
22 intelligence information, citizen complaints or inquiries, informant identification, or
23 strategic or tactical information used in law enforcement training. However, this
24 subdivision does not apply to records so developed or received relating to the

1 presence of and amount or concentration of alcohol or drugs in any body fluid of any
2 person, and this subdivision does not apply to a 911 recording or a transcript of a 911
3 recording, if the agency or a court determines that the public interest in disclosure
4 outweighs the interest in nondisclosure. This law in no way abrogates or changes
5 §§ 23-5-7 and 23-5-11 or testimonial privileges applying to the use of information
6 from confidential informants;

7 (6) Appraisals or appraisal information and negotiation records concerning the purchase
8 or sale, by a public body, of any interest in real or personal property;

9 (7) Personnel information other than salaries and routine directory information.
10 However, this subdivision does not apply to the public inspection or copying of any
11 current or prior contract with any public employee and any related document that
12 specifies the consideration to be paid to the employee;

13 (8) Information solely pertaining to protection of the security of public or private
14 property and persons on or within public or private property, such as specific, unique
15 vulnerability assessments or specific, unique response plans, either of which is
16 intended to prevent or mitigate criminal acts, emergency management or response,
17 or public safety, the public disclosure of which would create a substantial likelihood
18 of endangering public safety or property; computer or communications network
19 schema, passwords, and user identification names; guard schedules; lock
20 combinations; or any blueprints, building plans, or infrastructure records regarding
21 any building or facility that expose or create vulnerability through disclosure of the
22 location, configuration, or security of critical systems;

23 (9) The security standards, procedures, policies, plans, specifications, diagrams, access
24 lists, and other security-related records of the Gaming Commission and those persons

1 or entities with which the commission has entered into contractual relationships.
2 Nothing in this subdivision allows the commission to withhold from the public any
3 information relating to amounts paid persons or entities with which the commission
4 has entered into contractual relationships, amounts of prizes paid, the name of the
5 prize winner, and the municipality, or county where the prize winner resides;

6 (10) Personally identified private citizen account payment information, credit information
7 on others supplied in confidence, and customer lists;

8 (11) Records or portions of records kept by a publicly funded library which, when
9 examined with or without other records, reveal the identity of any library patron
10 using the library's materials or services;

11 (12) Correspondence, memoranda, calendars or logs of appointments, working papers, and
12 records of telephone calls of public officials or employees;

13 (13) Records or portions of records kept by public bodies which would reveal the location,
14 character, or ownership of any known archaeological, historical, or paleontological
15 site in South Dakota if necessary to protect the site from a reasonably held fear of
16 theft, vandalism, or trespass. This subdivision does not apply to the release of
17 information for the purpose of scholarly research, examination by other public bodies
18 for the protection of the resource or by recognized tribes, or the federal Native
19 American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act;

20 (14) Records or portions of records kept by public bodies which maintain collections of
21 archeological, historical, or paleontological significance which nongovernmental
22 donors have requested to remain closed or which reveal the names and addresses of
23 donors of such articles of archaeological, historical, or paleontological significance
24 unless the donor approves disclosure, except as the records or portions thereof may

- 1 be needed to carry out the purposes of the federal Native American Graves Protection
2 and Repatriation Act and the Archeological Resources Protection Act;
- 3 (15) Employment applications and related materials, except for applications and related
4 materials submitted by individuals hired into executive or policymaking positions of
5 any public body;
- 6 (16) Social security numbers; credit card, charge card, or debit card numbers and
7 expiration dates; passport numbers, driver license numbers; or other personally
8 identifying numbers or codes; and financial account numbers supplied to state and
9 local governments by citizens or held by state and local governments regarding
10 employees or contractors;
- 11 (17) Any emergency or disaster response plans or protocols, safety or security audits or
12 reviews, or lists of emergency or disaster response personnel or material; any location
13 or listing of weapons or ammunition; nuclear, chemical, or biological agents; or other
14 military or law enforcement equipment or personnel;
- 15 (18) Any test questions, scoring keys, results, or other examination data for any
16 examination to obtain licensure, employment, promotion or reclassification, or
17 academic credit;
- 18 (19) Personal correspondence, memoranda, notes, calendars or appointment logs, or other
19 personal records or documents of any public official or employee;
- 20 (20) Any document declared closed or confidential by court order, contract, or stipulation
21 of the parties to any civil or criminal action or proceeding except as provided under
22 section 1 of this Act;
- 23 (21) Any list of names or other personally identifying data of occupants of camping or
24 lodging facilities from the Department of Game, Fish and Parks;

- 1 (22) Records which, if disclosed, would constitute an unreasonable release of personal
2 information;
- 3 (23) Records which, if released, could endanger the life or safety of any person;
- 4 (24) Internal agency record or information received by agencies that are not required to
5 be filed with such agencies, if the records do not constitute final statistical or factual
6 tabulations, final instructions to staff that affect the public, or final agency policy or
7 determinations, or any completed state or federal audit and if the information is not
8 otherwise public under other state law, including chapter 15-15A and § 1-26-21;
- 9 (25) Records of individual children regarding commitment to the Department of
10 Corrections pursuant to chapters 26-8B and 26-8C;
- 11 (26) Records regarding inmate disciplinary matters pursuant to § 1-15-20; and
- 12 (27) Any other record made closed or confidential by state or federal statute or rule or as
13 necessary to participate in federal programs and benefits.