



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 657

January Session, 2025

Senate Bill No. 1520

Senate, April 14, 2025

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION RECORDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of section 1-210 of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

4 (17) [Educational] Education records which are not subject to
5 disclosure under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20
6 USC 1232g, revised to January 3, 2012;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	1-210(b)(17)
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GAE Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill clarifies an existing exemption under the Freedom of Information Act resulting in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1520*****AN ACT CONCERNING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION RECORDS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill specifies that the Freedom of Information Act's disclosure exemption for records covered by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) applies to education, rather than "educational," records exempt from FERPA, which conforms with terminology used in FERPA (20 U.S.C. § 1232g(4)). It also specifies that the exemption applies to FERPA as it existed on January 3, 2012.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

HB 6882 (File 81), reported favorably by the Government Oversight Committee, has a substantially similar provision (it does not specify the applicable FERPA revision date).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 1 (03/26/2025)