



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1209

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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS DISCLOSURE EXEMPTIONS UNDER SAID ACT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-217 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2025*):

4 (a) No public agency may disclose, under the Freedom of Information
5 Act, from its personnel, medical or similar files, the residential address
6 of any of the following persons employed by such public agency:

7 (1) A federal court judge, federal court magistrate, judge of the
8 Superior Court, Appellate Court or Supreme Court of the state, or
9 family support magistrate;

10 (2) A sworn member of a municipal police department, a sworn
11 member of the Division of State Police within the Department of
12 Emergency Services and Public Protection or a sworn law enforcement
13 officer within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection;

14 (3) An employee of the Department of Correction;

15 (4) An attorney-at-law who represents or has represented the state in
16 a criminal prosecution;

17 (5) An attorney-at-law who is or has been employed by the Division
18 of Public Defender Services or a social worker who is employed by the
19 Division of Public Defender Services;

20 (6) An inspector employed by the Division of Criminal Justice;

21 (7) A firefighter;

22 (8) An employee of the Department of Children and Families;

23 (9) A member or employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles;

24 (10) An employee of the judicial branch;

25 (11) An employee of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
26 Services who provides direct care to patients;

27 (12) A member or employee of the Commission on Human Rights
28 and Opportunities; [or]

29 (13) A state marshal appointed by the State Marshal Commission
30 pursuant to section 6-38b; or

31 (14) A teacher employed by a local or regional board of education.

32 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
33 study and make recommendations regarding the current exemption
34 from disclosure of certain public employee residential addresses under
35 section 1-217 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The task
36 force shall consider whether such exemption should be expanded to
37 include additional employees.

38 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

39 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
40 one of whom represents town clerks and one of whom represents

41 registrars of voters;

42 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
43 whom represents educators in the state;

44 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
45 Representatives, who represents journalists in the state;

46 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who
47 represents an organization that supports efforts to protect civil liberties;

48 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
49 Representatives, who represents municipalities;

50 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who
51 represents an organization interested in issues related to the Freedom of
52 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes;

53 (7) The executive director of the Freedom of Information
54 Commission, or a designee;

55 (8) The Attorney General, or a designee;

56 (9) The Secretary of the State, or a designee;

57 (10) The Commissioner of Administrative Services, or a designee;

58 (11) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,
59 or a designee; and

60 (12) The Chief Court Administrator, or a designee.

61 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
62 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
63 of the General Assembly.

64 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
65 than August 1, 2025. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
66 authority.

67 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
68 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
69 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
70 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than
71 October 1, 2025.

72 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
73 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to government
74 oversight shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

75 (g) Not later than February 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a report
76 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
77 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
78 government oversight, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
79 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that
80 it submits such report or February 1, 2026, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	1-217(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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