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The Committee on Government Oversight reported through SEN. GADKAR-WILCOX of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING MASS REQUESTS UNDER THE 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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*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, 2026*):

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 school employee, as defined in section 10-222aa.

32 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
33 study the issue of individuals using artificial intelligence to develop
34 mass requests of information under the Freedom of Information Act, as
35 defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes, and whether any
36 changes in law are necessary to assist public agencies in handling such
37 requests.

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 is a representative of an organization representing
41 municipalities and one of whom has expertise in open government
42 issues;

43 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of
44 whom is an attorney in the state and one of whom is a journalist;

45 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
46 Representatives, who has expertise in artificial intelligence;

47 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
48 member of a collective bargaining organization representing teachers;

49 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
50 Representatives, who is a representative of an organization representing
51 small towns;

52 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

53 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the
54 secretary's designee;

55 (8) The executive director of the Freedom of Information
56 Commission, or the executive director's designee;

57 (9) The Chief Information Officer, or a designee; and

58 (10) The Chief Court Administrator, or a designee.

59 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
60 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
61 of the General Assembly.

62 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
63 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
64 be filled by the appointing authority.

65 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro
 66 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from
 67 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule
 68 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty
 69 days after the effective date of this section.

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

73 (g) Not later than January 1, 2027, the task force shall submit a report
 74 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
 75 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 76 government oversight, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
 77 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that
 78 it submits such report or January 1, 2027, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	1-217(a)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

GOS *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands an existing prohibition on disclosure of residential addresses under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to include school employees, empowers school employees to request address confidentiality from public agencies, and establishes a task force to study the use of artificial intelligence in relation to FOIA. These changes result in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. The task force has the expertise to implement the bill's provisions.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 325*****AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF THE RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING MASS REQUESTS UNDER THE ACT.*****SUMMARY**

This bill adds school employees to the list of individuals covered by the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIA) limitation on a public agency disclosing home addresses (see BACKGROUND). In doing so, it:

1. prohibits an employing public agency from disclosing, under FOIA, a school employee's home address from the public agency's personnel, medical, or similar files and
2. allows the school employees to request address confidentiality from other public agencies (and from their public agency employer with respect to records besides those described above) by following existing law's procedures for other covered individuals, including by submitting to the agency a written request with his or her business address (see BACKGROUND).

The bill's provisions apply to school employees who are teachers, substitute teachers, administrators, school superintendents, school counselors, school psychologists, social workers, school nurses, physicians, paraeducators, or coaches employed by a local or regional board of education (BOE), or anyone who, in the performance of his or her duties, has regular contact with students and provides services to or on behalf of students enrolled in a public school, under a contract with a BOE.

Additionally, the bill establishes a task force to study the use of artificial intelligence to make mass FOIA requests and whether changes

in law are needed to assist public agencies with these requests. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Government Oversight Committee by January 1, 2027. The task force ends on that date or when it submits the report, whichever is later.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026, except the provision establishing the task force is effective upon passage.

TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

Under the bill, the task force has the following four ex officio members, or their designees: the Freedom of Information Commission's executive director, Office of Policy and Management secretary, chief information officer, and chief court administrator. The task force also includes the eight appointed members shown in the table below.

Table: Appointed Task Force Members

<i>Appointing Authority</i>	<i>Number of Appointments</i>	<i>Required Qualifications</i>
House speaker	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represents an organization representing municipalities • Expertise in open government issues
Senate president pro tempore	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An attorney • A journalist
House majority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expertise in artificial intelligence
Senate majority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of a collective bargaining organization representing teachers
House minority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represents an organization representing small towns
Senate minority leader	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unspecified

Under the bill, all initial appointments must be made within 30 days of the bill's passage, and the appointed task force members may be legislators. Appointing authorities must fill any vacancies. The House speaker and Senate president pro tempore must pick the task force's chairpersons from among its members. The chairpersons must schedule and hold the first meeting within 60 days of the bill's passage. The Government Oversight Committee's administrative staff must serve as the task force's administrative staff.

BACKGROUND***Covered Individuals***

Under existing law, the following public officials and employees are covered by FOIA's home address disclosure limitation:

1. federal judges and magistrates, Connecticut judges and family support magistrates, judicial branch employees, prosecutors, public defenders, public defender social workers, and Division of Criminal Justice inspectors;
2. firefighters, state marshals, and police officers;
3. Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services employees who provide direct patient care, and employees of the departments of Correction and Children and Families; and
4. members and employees of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

Requests for Home Address Confidentiality

Under existing law, an agency that receives a FOIA request about a covered individual who requested address confidentiality must redact the person's home address only from records provided in response to a request that specifically names him or her. Additionally, the agency must make reasonable efforts to redact the person's address from (1) an existing list derived from a readily accessible electronic database and (2) any list that the agency voluntarily creates in response to a disclosure request. The law permits disclosure of a covered individual's residential address in any other type of record (other than in their employer's personnel, medical, or similar files, as described above).

The disclosure prohibition also does not apply to a home address in (1) documents eligible to be recorded in municipal land records; (2) any list required by the state's election laws (such as voter registry lists, petition forms, and logs of absentee ballot applications); or (3) municipal grand lists.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Oversight Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 8 Nay 4 (03/17/2026)