

House Bill 1421

By: Representative Mainor of the 56<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to obstruction of public administration and related offenses, so as to create a new  
3 felony classification for prosecutors who use certain technologies to hide work related  
4 communications from open records requests; to provide for an exception; to provide for  
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 obstruction of public administration and related offenses, is amended by adding a new Code  
10 section to read as follows:

11 "16-10-35.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

13 (1) 'Cryptography' means the process of hiding or coding information so that only the  
14 person that the information was intended for can access such information through the use  
15 of a decryption key.

