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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), entitled
2 "An act providing for access to public information, for a
3 designated open-records officer in each Commonwealth agency,
4 local agency, judicial agency and legislative agency, for
5 procedure, for appeal of agency determination, for judicial
6 review and for the Office of Open Records; imposing
7 penalties; providing for reporting by State-related
8 institutions; requiring the posting of certain State contract
9 information on the Internet; and making related repeals," in
10 preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions;
11 and, in procedure, further providing for exceptions for
12 public records.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The definition of "personal financial
16 information" in section 102 of the act of February 14, 2008
17 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law, is amended to
18 read:

19 Section 102. Definitions.

20 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
21 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
22 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1 "Personal financial information." An individual's personal
2 credit, charge or debit card information; bank or other
3 financial institution account information; bank, credit or
4 financial statements; account or PIN numbers; account passwords;
5 IRS form W-2 or its equivalent; benefit election information
6 other than an election to become a member of the State
7 Employees' Retirement System, the Public School Employees'
8 Retirement System, the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System
9 or any other retirement plan for employees of the Commonwealth
10 or any of its political subdivisions; contributions to
11 retirement plans or other investment options; contributions
12 toward the cost of health care benefits or other benefits;
13 contributions to charitable organizations and other information
14 relating to an individual's personal finances.

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16 Section 2. Section 708(b)(6) and (c) of the act are amended
17 and subsection (b) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
18 Section 708. Exceptions for public records.

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20 (b) Exceptions.--Except as provided in subsections (c) and
21 (d), the following are exempt from access by a requester under
22 this act:

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24 (6) (i) The following personal identification
25 information:

26 (A) A record containing all or part of a
27 person's Social Security number, driver's license
28 number, personal financial information, home,
29 cellular or personal telephone numbers, personal e-
30 mail addresses, employee number or other confidential

1 personal identification number.

2 (B) A spouse's name, marital status or
3 beneficiary or dependent information, including the
4 number, names and ages of an employee's dependents.

5 (C) The home address of a law enforcement
6 officer or judge.

7 (ii) Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude the
8 release of the name, position, salary, actual
9 compensation or other payments or expenses, employment
10 contract, employment-related contract or agreement and
11 length of service of a public official or an agency
12 employee.

13 (iii) An agency may redact the name or other
14 identifying information relating to an individual
15 performing an undercover or covert law enforcement
16 activity from a record.

17 (iv) Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the
18 disclosure of employer costs or aggregated data of
19 employee costs related to retirement benefits, health
20 care benefits or other benefits or the disclosure of
21 options made available to employees regarding retirement
22 benefits, health care benefits or other benefits.

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24 (31) An agency's financial institution account number,
25 routing number, credit card number or PIN number. Such
26 numbers shall be reasonably redacted to the extent necessary
27 to protect the security of the agency's account information,
28 account numbers, routing numbers, credit card numbers or PIN
29 numbers.

30 (c) Financial records.--The exceptions set forth in

1 subsection (b) shall not apply to financial records, except that
2 an agency may redact that portion of a financial record
3 protected under subsection (b) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (16)
4 ~~[or],~~ (17) or (31). An agency shall not disclose the identity of
5 an individual performing an undercover or covert law enforcement
6 activity.

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8 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.