AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10,
Chapter 7, relative to confidential records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

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(1) Information and records that are directly related to the security of any government building shall be maintained as confidential and shall not be open to public inspection. For purposes of this subsection (j), "government building" means any building that is owned, leased, or controlled, in whole or in part, by the state of Tennessee or any county, municipality, city or other political subdivision of the state of Tennessee. Such information and records include, but are not limited to:

(A) Information and records about alarm and security systems used at the government building including codes, passwords, wiring diagrams, plans and security procedures and protocols related to the security systems;

(B) Security plans, including security-related contingency planning and emergency response plans;

(C) Information and records about the location of hazardous materials such as controlled substances, toxic or reactive materials, ingredients for toxic or reactive materials, weapons, explosives and hazardous biological materials;

(D) Assessments of security vulnerability;

(E) Information and records that would identify those areas of structural or operational vulnerability that would permit unlawful disruption to, or interference with, the services provided by a governmental entity; and

(F) Surveillance recordings, whether recorded to audio or visual format, or both.

(2) Information made confidential by this subsection (j) shall be redacted wherever possible and nothing in this subsection (j) shall be used to limit or deny access to otherwise public information because a file or document contains confidential information.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.