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An act relating to a Public Records Act exemption for the identity of whistleblowers

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 317(c) is amended to read:

(c) The following public records are exempt from public inspection and copying:

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(41) documents reviewed by the ~~Victim's~~ Victims Compensation Board for purposes of approving an application for compensation pursuant to 13 V.S.A. chapter 167, except as provided by 13 V.S.A. §§ 5360 and 7043(c);

(42) except as otherwise provided by law, information that could be used to identify a complainant who alleges that a public agency, a public employee or official, or a person providing goods or services to a public agency under contract has engaged in a violation of law, or in waste, fraud, or abuse of authority, or in an act creating a threat to health or safety, unless the complainant consents to disclosure of his or her identity.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.