

1 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations  
2 Referred to Committee on  
3 Date:  
4 Subject: Public Records Act; exemptions; identity of complainants  
5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create an  
6 exemption to protect the identity of persons who submit complaints about  
7 public agency or government contractor misconduct.

8 An act relating to Public Records Act exemptions

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

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

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

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

17 (42) except as otherwise provided by law, information that could be  
18 used to identify a complainant who alleges that a public agency, a public  
19 employee or official, or a person providing goods or services to a public  
20 agency under contract has engaged in a violation of law, in waste, fraud, or

1 abuse of authority, or in an act creating a threat to health or safety, unless the  
2 complainant consents to disclosure of his or her identity.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.