

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Public records-security exceptions.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation and Highways Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public records; providing exceptions to
2 public record inspections for security reasons; and
3 providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-203(b) by creating a new
8 paragraph (vi) is amended to read:

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10 **16-4-203. Right of inspection; grounds for denial;**
11 **access of news media; order permitting or restricting**
12 **disclosure; exceptions.**

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14 (b) The custodian may deny the right of inspection of
15 the following records, unless otherwise provided by law, on

1 the ground that disclosure to the applicant would be
2 contrary to the public interest:

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4 (vi) To the extent that the inspection would
5 jeopardize the security of any structure owned or operated
6 by the state or any of its political subdivisions,
7 facilitate the planning of a terrorist attack or endanger
8 the life or physical safety of an individual, including:

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10 (A) Vulnerability assessments, specific
11 tactics, emergency procedures or security procedures
12 contained in plans or procedures designed to prevent or
13 respond to terrorist attacks or other security threats;

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15 (B) Building plans, blueprints, schematic
16 drawings, diagrams, operational manuals or other records
17 that reveal the building's or structure's internal layout,
18 specific location, life and safety and support systems,
19 structural elements, surveillance techniques, alarms,
20 security systems or technologies, operational and
21 transportation plans or protocols, personnel deployments
22 for airports and other mass transit facilities, bridges,
23 tunnels, emergency response facilities or structures,

1 buildings where hazardous materials are stored, arenas,
2 stadiums and waste and water systems;

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4 (C) Records of any other building or
5 structure owned or operated by the state or any of its
6 political subdivisions that reveal the building's or
7 structure's life and safety systems, surveillance
8 techniques, alarm or security systems or technologies,
9 operational and evacuation plans or protocols or personnel
10 deployments; and

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12 (D) Records prepared to prevent or respond
13 to terrorist attacks or other security threats identifying
14 or describing the name, location, pharmaceutical cache,
15 contents, capacity, equipment, physical features, or
16 capabilities of individual medical facilities, storage
17 facilities or laboratories established, maintained, or
18 regulated by the state or any of its political
19 subdivisions.

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21 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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23 (END)