

P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 113, *approved July 20, 2023*  
Senate, No. 3125 (*Fourth Reprint*)

1 AN ACT prohibiting disclosure of personal information with respect  
2 to child protective investigators and amending various parts of  
3 the statutory law.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 1. As used in P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and  
11 supplemented:

12 "Biotechnology" means any technique that uses living  
13 organisms, or parts of living organisms, to make or modify  
14 products, to improve plants or animals, or to develop micro-  
15 organisms for specific uses; including the industrial use of  
16 recombinant DNA, cell fusion, and novel bioprocessing techniques.

17 <sup>1</sup>"Child protective investigator in the Division of Child  
18 Protection and Permanency" means an employee of the Division of  
19 Child Protection and Permanency in the Department of Children  
20 and Families whose primary duty is to investigate reports of child  
21 abuse and neglect, or <sup>2</sup>[a representative of the Office of the Public  
22 Defender acting as the division's agent] any other employee of the  
23 Department of Children and Families whose duties include  
24 investigation, response to, or review of allegations of child abuse  
25 and neglect<sup>2</sup>.

26 "Constituent" means any State resident or other person  
27 communicating with a member of the Legislature.

28 "Criminal investigatory record" means a record which is not  
29 required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file that is held  
30 by a law enforcement agency which pertains to any criminal  
31 investigation or related civil enforcement proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

32 "Custodian of a government record" or "custodian" means in the  
33 case of a municipality, the municipal clerk and in the case of any  
34 other public agency, the officer officially designated by formal  
35 action of that agency's director or governing body, as the case may  
36 be.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted December 15, 2022.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted February 23, 2023.

<sup>3</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 23, 2023.

<sup>4</sup>Assembly floor amendments adopted March 30, 2023.

1 "Government record" or "record" means any paper, written or  
2 printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph,  
3 microfilm, data processed or image processed document,  
4 information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-  
5 recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been  
6 made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official  
7 business by any officer, commission, agency or authority of the  
8 State or of any political subdivision thereof, including subordinate  
9 boards thereof, or that has been received in the course of his or its  
10 official business by any such officer, commission, agency, or  
11 authority of the State or of any political subdivision thereof,  
12 including subordinate boards thereof. The terms shall not include  
13 inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative, or deliberative  
14 material.

15 A government record shall not include the following information  
16 which is deemed to be confidential for the purposes of P.L.1963,  
17 c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented:

18 information received by a member of the Legislature from a  
19 constituent or information held by a member of the Legislature  
20 concerning a constituent, including, but not limited to, information  
21 in written form or contained in any e-mail or computer data base, or  
22 in any telephone record whatsoever, unless it is information the  
23 constituent is required by law to transmit;

24 any memorandum, correspondence, notes, report or other  
25 communication prepared by, or for, the specific use of a member of  
26 the Legislature in the course of the member's official duties, except  
27 that this provision shall not apply to an otherwise publicly-  
28 accessible report which is required by law to be submitted to the  
29 Legislature or its members;

30 any copy, reproduction or facsimile of any photograph, negative  
31 or print, including instant photographs and videotapes of the body,  
32 or any portion of the body, of a deceased person, taken by or for the  
33 medical examiner at the scene of death or in the course of a post  
34 mortem examination or autopsy made by or caused to be made by  
35 the medical examiner except:

36 when used in a criminal action or proceeding in this State which  
37 relates to the death of that person,

38 for the use as a court of this State permits, by order after good  
39 cause has been shown and after written notification of the request  
40 for the court order has been served at least five days before the  
41 order is made upon the county prosecutor for the county in which  
42 the post mortem examination or autopsy occurred,

43 for use in the field of forensic pathology or for use in medical or  
44 scientific education or research, or

45 for use by any law enforcement agency in this State or any other  
46 state or federal law enforcement agency;

47 criminal investigatory records;

1 the portion of any criminal record concerning a person's  
2 detection, apprehension, arrest, detention, trial or disposition for  
3 unlawful manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing, or possessing  
4 or having under control with intent to manufacture, distribute, or  
5 dispense, marijuana or hashish in violation of paragraph (11) of  
6 subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:35-5, or a lesser amount of marijuana or  
7 hashish in violation of paragraph (12) of subsection b. of that  
8 section, or a violation of either of those paragraphs and a violation  
9 of subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.1987, c.101 (C.2C:35-7) or  
10 subsection a. of section 1 of P.L.1997, c.327 (C.2C:35-7.1) for  
11 distributing, dispensing, or possessing, or having under control with  
12 intent to distribute or dispense, on or within 1,000 feet of any  
13 school property, or on or within 500 feet of the real property  
14 comprising a public housing facility, public park, or public  
15 building, or for obtaining, possessing, using, being under the  
16 influence of, or failing to make lawful disposition of marijuana or  
17 hashish in violation of paragraph (3) or (4) of subsection a., or  
18 subsection b., or subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:35-10, or for a violation  
19 of any of those provisions and a violation of N.J.S.2C:36-2 for  
20 using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia with that  
21 marijuana or hashish;

22 victims' records, except that a victim of a crime shall have access  
23 to the victim's own records;

24 any written request by a crime victim for a record to which the  
25 victim is entitled to access as provided in this section, including,  
26 but not limited to, any law enforcement agency report, domestic  
27 violence offense report, and temporary or permanent restraining  
28 order;

29 personal firearms records, except for use by any person  
30 authorized by law to have access to these records or for use by any  
31 government agency, including any court or law enforcement  
32 agency, for purposes of the administration of justice;

33 personal identifying information received by the Division of Fish  
34 and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection in  
35 connection with the issuance of any license authorizing hunting  
36 with a firearm. For the purposes of this paragraph, personal  
37 identifying information shall include, but not be limited to, identity,  
38 name, address, social security number, telephone number, fax  
39 number, driver's license number, email address, or social media  
40 address of any applicant or licensee;

41 trade secrets and proprietary commercial or financial information  
42 obtained from any source. For the purposes of this paragraph, trade  
43 secrets shall include data processing software obtained by a public  
44 body under a licensing agreement which prohibits its disclosure;

45 any record within the attorney-client privilege. This paragraph  
46 shall not be construed as exempting from access attorney or  
47 consultant bills or invoices except that such bills or invoices may be

1 redacted to remove any information protected by the attorney-client  
2 privilege;  
3 administrative or technical information regarding computer  
4 hardware, software and networks which, if disclosed, would  
5 jeopardize computer security;  
6 emergency or security information or procedures for any  
7 buildings or facility which, if disclosed, would jeopardize security  
8 of the building or facility or persons therein;  
9 security measures and surveillance techniques which, if  
10 disclosed, would create a risk to the safety of persons, property,  
11 electronic data or software;  
12 information which, if disclosed, would give an advantage to  
13 competitors or bidders;  
14 information generated by or on behalf of public employers or  
15 public employees in connection with any sexual harassment  
16 complaint filed with a public employer or with any grievance filed  
17 by or against an individual or in connection with collective  
18 negotiations, including documents and statements of strategy or  
19 negotiating position;  
20 information which is a communication between a public agency  
21 and its insurance carrier, administrative service organization or risk  
22 management office;  
23 information which is to be kept confidential pursuant to court  
24 order;  
25 any copy of form DD-214, NGB-22, or that form, issued by the  
26 United States Government, or any other certificate of honorable  
27 discharge, or copy thereof, from active service or the reserves of a  
28 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, or from service in  
29 the organized militia of the State, that has been filed by an  
30 individual with a public agency, except that a veteran or the  
31 veteran's spouse or surviving spouse shall have access to the  
32 veteran's own records;  
33 any copy of an oath of allegiance, oath of office or any  
34 affirmation taken upon assuming the duties of any public office, or  
35 that oath or affirmation, taken by a current or former officer or  
36 employee in any public office or position in this State or in any  
37 county or municipality of this State, including members of the  
38 Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and all law  
39 enforcement entities, except that the full name, title, and oath date  
40 of that person contained therein shall not be deemed confidential;  
41 that portion of any document which discloses the social security  
42 number, credit card number, unlisted telephone number or driver  
43 license number of any person, or, in accordance with section 2 of  
44 P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-2), that portion of any document which  
45 discloses the home address, whether a primary or secondary  
46 residence, of any active, formerly active, or retired judicial officer,  
47 <sup>1</sup>**[prosecutor,]**<sup>1</sup> **[or]** law enforcement officer, <sup>1</sup>**[or employee of]**  
48 child protective investigator in<sup>1</sup> the Division of Child Protection

1 and Permanency <sup>1</sup> [in the Department of Children and Families] or  
2 prosecutor<sup>1</sup> , or, as defined in section 1 of P.L.2021, c.371  
3 (C.47:1B-1), any immediate family member thereof; except for use  
4 by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement  
5 agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private person or entity  
6 acting on behalf thereof, or any private person or entity seeking to  
7 enforce payment of court-ordered child support; except with respect  
8 to the disclosure of driver information by the New Jersey Motor  
9 Vehicle Commission as permitted by section 2 of P.L.1997, c.188  
10 (C.39:2-3.4); and except that a social security number contained in  
11 a record required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file by a  
12 public agency shall be disclosed when access to the document or  
13 disclosure of that information is not otherwise prohibited by State  
14 or federal law, regulation or order or by State statute, resolution of  
15 either or both houses of the Legislature, Executive Order of the  
16 Governor, rule of court or regulation promulgated under the  
17 authority of any statute or executive order of the Governor;

18 a list of persons identifying themselves as being in need of  
19 special assistance in the event of an emergency maintained by a  
20 municipality for public safety purposes pursuant to section 1 of  
21 P.L.2017, c.266 (C.40:48-2.67); and

22 a list of persons identifying themselves as being in need of  
23 special assistance in the event of an emergency maintained by a  
24 county for public safety purposes pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2011,  
25 c.178 (C.App.A:9-43.13).

26 A government record shall not include, with regard to any public  
27 institution of higher education, the following information which is  
28 deemed to be privileged and confidential:

29 pedagogical, scholarly and/or academic research records and/or  
30 the specific details of any research project conducted under the  
31 auspices of a public higher education institution in New Jersey,  
32 including, but not limited to, research, development information,  
33 testing procedures, or information regarding test participants,  
34 related to the development or testing of any pharmaceutical or  
35 pharmaceutical delivery system, except that a custodian may not  
36 deny inspection of a government record or part thereof that gives  
37 the name, title, expenditures, source and amounts of funding and  
38 date when the final project summary of any research will be  
39 available;

40 test questions, scoring keys and other examination data  
41 pertaining to the administration of an examination for employment  
42 or academic examination;

43 records of pursuit of charitable contributions or records  
44 containing the identity of a donor of a gift if the donor requires non-  
45 disclosure of the donor's identity as a condition of making the gift  
46 provided that the donor has not received any benefits of or from the  
47 institution of higher education in connection with such gift other  
48 than a request for memorialization or dedication;

1 valuable or rare collections of books or documents obtained by  
2 gift, grant, bequest or devise conditioned upon limited public  
3 access;

4 information contained on individual admission applications; and  
5 information concerning student records or grievance or  
6 disciplinary proceedings against a student to the extent disclosure  
7 would reveal the identity of the student.

8 "Judicial officer" means any active, formerly active, or retired  
9 federal, state, county, or municipal judge, including a judge of the  
10 Tax Court and any other court of limited jurisdiction established,  
11 altered, or abolished by law, a judge of the Office of Administrative  
12 Law, a judge of the Division of Workers' Compensation, and any  
13 other judge established by law who serves in the executive branch.

14 "Law enforcement agency" means a public agency, or part  
15 thereof, determined by the Attorney General to have law  
16 enforcement responsibilities.

17 "Law enforcement officer" means a person whose public duties  
18 include the power to act as an officer for the detection,  
19 apprehension, arrest and conviction of offenders against the laws of  
20 this State.

21 "Member of the Legislature" means any person elected or  
22 selected to serve in the New Jersey Senate or General Assembly.<sup>1</sup>

23 "Personal firearms record" means any information contained in a  
24 background investigation conducted by the chief of police, the  
25 county prosecutor, or the Superintendent of State Police, of any  
26 applicant for a permit to purchase a handgun, firearms identification  
27 card license, or firearms registration; any application for a permit to  
28 purchase a handgun, firearms identification card license, or firearms  
29 registration; any document reflecting the issuance or denial of a  
30 permit to purchase a handgun, firearms identification card license,  
31 or firearms registration; and any permit to purchase a handgun,  
32 firearms identification card license, or any firearms license,  
33 certification, certificate, form of register, or registration statement.  
34 For the purposes of this paragraph, information contained in a  
35 background investigation shall include, but not be limited to,  
36 identity, name, address, social security number, phone number, fax  
37 number, driver's license number, email address, <sup>1</sup>or<sup>1</sup> social media  
38 address of any applicant, licensee, registrant or permit holder.

39 "Public agency" or "agency" means any of the principal  
40 departments in the Executive Branch of State Government, and any  
41 division, board, bureau, office, commission or other instrumentality  
42 within or created by such department; the Legislature of the State  
43 and any office, board, bureau or commission within or created by  
44 the Legislative Branch; and any independent State authority,  
45 commission, instrumentality or agency. The terms also mean any  
46 political subdivision of the State or combination of political  
47 subdivisions, and any division, board, bureau, office, commission or  
48 other instrumentality within or created by a political subdivision of

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2 independent authority, commission, instrumentality or agency  
3 created by a political subdivision or combination of political  
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9 include the power to act as an officer for the detection,  
10 apprehension, arrest and conviction of offenders against the laws of  
11 this State.

12 "Constituent" means any State resident or other person  
13 communicating with a member of the Legislature.

14 "Judicial officer" means any active, formerly active, or retired  
15 federal, state, county, or municipal judge, including a judge of the  
16 Tax Court and any other court of limited jurisdiction established,  
17 altered, or abolished by law, a judge of the Office of Administrative  
18 Law, a judge of the Division of Workers' Compensation, and any  
19 other judge established by law who serves in the executive branch.

20 "Member of the Legislature" means any person elected or  
21 selected to serve in the New Jersey Senate or General Assembly.

22 "Criminal investigatory record" means a record which is not  
23 required by law to be made, maintained or kept on file that is held  
24 by a law enforcement agency which pertains to any criminal  
25 investigation or related civil enforcement proceeding.

26 "Victim's record" means an individually-identifiable file or  
27 document held by a victims' rights agency which pertains directly to  
28 a victim of a crime except that a victim of a crime shall have access  
29 to the victim's own records. <sup>1</sup>

30 "Victim of a crime" means a person who has suffered personal or  
31 psychological injury or death or incurs loss of or injury to personal  
32 or real property as a result of a crime, or if such a person is  
33 deceased or incapacitated, a member of that person's immediate  
34 family.

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36 document held by a victims' rights agency which pertains directly to  
37 a victim of a crime except that a victim of a crime shall have access  
38 to the victim's own records. <sup>1</sup>

39 "Victims' rights agency" means a public agency, or part thereof,  
40 the primary responsibility of which is providing services, including,  
41 but not limited to, food, shelter, or clothing, medical, psychiatric,  
42 psychological or legal services or referrals, information and referral  
43 services, counseling and support services, or financial services to  
44 victims of crimes, including victims of sexual assault, domestic  
45 violence, violent crime, child endangerment, child abuse or child  
46 neglect, and the Victims of Crime Compensation Board, established  
47 pursuant to P.L.1971, c.317 (C.52:4B-1 et seq.) and continued as

1 the Victims of Crime Compensation Office pursuant to P.L.2007,  
2 c.95 (C.52:4B-3.2 et al.) and Reorganization Plan No. 001-2008.

3 <sup>1</sup>“Division” means the Division of Child Protection and  
4 Permanency in the Department of Children and Families.

5 “Child protective investigator in the Division of Child Protection  
6 and Permanency” means an employee at the division whose primary  
7 duty is to investigate reports of child abuse and neglect; the term  
8 shall include a representative of the Office of the Public Defender  
9 acting as the division’s agent.”<sup>1</sup>

10 (cf: P.L.2021, c.371, s.10)

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12 2. Section 6 of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5) is amended to read as  
13 follows:

14 6. a. The custodian of a government record shall permit the  
15 record to be inspected, examined, and copied by any person during  
16 regular business hours; or in the case of a municipality having a  
17 population of 5,000 or fewer according to the most recent federal  
18 decennial census, a board of education having a total district  
19 enrollment of 500 or fewer, or a public authority having less than \$10  
20 million in assets, during not less than six regular business hours over  
21 not less than three business days per week or the entity's regularly-  
22 scheduled business hours, whichever is less; unless a government  
23 record is exempt from public access by: P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et  
24 seq.) as amended and supplemented; any other statute; resolution of  
25 either or both houses of the Legislature; regulation promulgated under  
26 the authority of any statute or Executive Order of the Governor;  
27 Executive Order of the Governor; Rules of Court; any federal law;  
28 federal regulation; or federal order. Prior to allowing access to any  
29 government record, the custodian thereof shall redact from that record  
30 any information which discloses the social security number, credit card  
31 number, unlisted telephone number, or driver license number of any  
32 person, or, in accordance with section 2 of P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-  
33 2), the home address, whether a primary or secondary residence, of  
34 any active, formerly active, or retired judicial officer, prosecutor, **[or]**  
35 law enforcement officer, or child protective investigator in the  
36 Division of Child Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>[in the Department of  
37 Children and Families] <sup>1</sup>, or, as defined in section 1 of P.L.2021,  
38 c.371 (C.47:1B-1), any immediate family member thereof; except for  
39 use by any government agency, including any court or law  
40 enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private  
41 person or entity acting on behalf thereof, or any private person or  
42 entity seeking to enforce payment of court-ordered child support;  
43 except with respect to the disclosure of driver information by the New  
44 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission as permitted by section 2 of  
45 P.L.1997, c.188 (C.39:2-3.4); and except that a social security number  
46 contained in a record required by law to be made, maintained or kept  
47 on file by a public agency shall be disclosed when access to the  
48 document or disclosure of that information is not otherwise prohibited



1 by State or federal law, regulation or order or by State statute,  
2 resolution of either or both houses of the Legislature, Executive Order  
3 of the Governor, rule of court or regulation promulgated under the  
4 authority of any statute or executive order of the Governor. Except  
5 where an agency can demonstrate an emergent need, a regulation that  
6 limits access to government records shall not be retroactive in effect or  
7 applied to deny a request for access to a government record that is  
8 pending before the agency, the council or a court at the time of the  
9 adoption of the regulation.

10 b. (1) A copy or copies of a government record may be  
11 purchased by any person upon payment of the fee prescribed by law or  
12 regulation. Except as otherwise provided by law or regulation and  
13 except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the fee assessed  
14 for the duplication of a government record embodied in the form of  
15 printed matter shall be \$0.05 per letter size page or smaller, and \$0.07  
16 per legal size page or larger. If a public agency can demonstrate that  
17 its actual costs for duplication of a government record exceed the  
18 foregoing rates, the public agency shall be permitted to charge the  
19 actual cost of duplicating the record. The actual cost of duplicating the  
20 record, upon which all copy fees are based, shall be the cost of  
21 materials and supplies used to make a copy of the record, but shall not  
22 include the cost of labor or other overhead expenses associated with  
23 making the copy except as provided for in subsection c. of this section.  
24 Access to electronic records and non-printed materials shall be  
25 provided free of charge, but the public agency may charge for the  
26 actual costs of any needed supplies such as computer discs.

27 (2) No fee shall be charged to a victim of a crime for a copy or  
28 copies of a record to which the crime victim is entitled to access, as  
29 provided in section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1).

30 c. Whenever the nature, format, manner of collation, or volume of  
31 a government record embodied in the form of printed matter to be  
32 inspected, examined, or copied pursuant to this section is such that the  
33 record cannot be reproduced by ordinary document copying equipment  
34 in ordinary business size or involves an extraordinary expenditure of  
35 time and effort to accommodate the request, the public agency may  
36 charge, in addition to the actual cost of duplicating the record, a  
37 special service charge that shall be reasonable and shall be based upon  
38 the actual direct cost of providing the copy or copies; provided,  
39 however, that in the case of a municipality, rates for the duplication of  
40 particular records when the actual cost of copying exceeds the  
41 foregoing rates shall be established in advance by ordinance. The  
42 requestor shall have the opportunity to review and object to the charge  
43 prior to it being incurred.

44 d. A custodian shall permit access to a government record and  
45 provide a copy thereof in the medium requested if the public agency  
46 maintains the record in that medium. If the public agency does not  
47 maintain the record in the medium requested, the custodian shall either  
48 convert the record to the medium requested or provide a copy in some

1 other meaningful medium. If a request is for a record: (1) in a  
2 medium not routinely used by the agency; (2) not routinely developed  
3 or maintained by an agency; or (3) requiring a substantial amount of  
4 manipulation or programming of information technology, the agency  
5 may charge, in addition to the actual cost of duplication, a special  
6 charge that shall be reasonable and shall be based on the cost for any  
7 extensive use of information technology, or for the labor cost of  
8 personnel providing the service, that is actually incurred by the agency  
9 or attributable to the agency for the programming, clerical, and  
10 supervisory assistance required, or both.

11 e. Immediate access ordinarily shall be granted to budgets, bills,  
12 vouchers, contracts, including collective negotiations agreements and  
13 individual employment contracts, and public employee salary and  
14 overtime information.

15 f. The custodian of a public agency shall adopt a form for the use  
16 of any person who requests access to a government record held or  
17 controlled by the public agency. The form shall provide space for the  
18 name, address, and phone number of the requestor and a brief  
19 description of the government record sought. The form shall include  
20 space for the custodian to indicate which record will be made  
21 available, when the record will be available, and the fees to be  
22 charged. The form shall also include the following: (1) specific  
23 directions and procedures for requesting a record; (2) a statement as to  
24 whether prepayment of fees or a deposit is required; (3) the time  
25 period within which the public agency is required by P.L.1963, c.73  
26 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented, to make the record  
27 available; (4) a statement of the requestor's right to challenge a  
28 decision by the public agency to deny access and the procedure for  
29 filing an appeal; (5) space for the custodian to list reasons if a request  
30 is denied in whole or in part; (6) space for the requestor to sign and  
31 date the form; (7) space for the custodian to sign and date the form if  
32 the request is fulfilled or denied. The custodian may require a deposit  
33 against costs for reproducing documents sought through an anonymous  
34 request whenever the custodian anticipates that the information thus  
35 requested will cost in excess of \$5 to reproduce.

36 g. A request for access to a government record shall be in writing  
37 and hand-delivered, mailed, transmitted electronically, or otherwise  
38 conveyed to the appropriate custodian. A custodian shall promptly  
39 comply with a request to inspect, examine, copy, or provide a copy of  
40 a government record. If the custodian is unable to comply with a  
41 request for access, the custodian shall indicate the specific basis  
42 therefor on the request form and promptly return it to the requestor.  
43 The custodian shall sign and date the form and provide the requestor  
44 with a copy thereof. If the custodian of a government record asserts  
45 that part of a particular record is exempt from public access pursuant  
46 to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented,  
47 the custodian shall delete or excise from a copy of the record that  
48 portion which the custodian asserts is exempt from access and shall

1 promptly permit access to the remainder of the record. If the  
2 government record requested is temporarily unavailable because it is  
3 in use or in storage, the custodian shall so advise the requestor and  
4 shall make arrangements to promptly make available a copy of the  
5 record. If a request for access to a government record would  
6 substantially disrupt agency operations, the custodian may deny access  
7 to the record after attempting to reach a reasonable solution with the  
8 requestor that accommodates the interests of the requestor and the  
9 agency.

10 h. Any officer or employee of a public agency who receives a  
11 request for access to a government record shall forward the request to  
12 the custodian of the record or direct the requestor to the custodian of  
13 the record.

14 i. (1) Unless a shorter time period is otherwise provided by  
15 statute, regulation, or executive order, a custodian of a government  
16 record shall grant access to a government record or deny a request for  
17 access to a government record as soon as possible, but not later than  
18 seven business days after receiving the request, provided that the  
19 record is currently available and not in storage or archived. In the  
20 event a custodian fails to respond within seven business days after  
21 receiving a request, the failure to respond shall be deemed a denial of  
22 the request, unless the requestor has elected not to provide a name,  
23 address or telephone number, or other means of contacting the  
24 requestor. If the requestor has elected not to provide a name, address,  
25 or telephone number, or other means of contacting the requestor, the  
26 custodian shall not be required to respond until the requestor reappears  
27 before the custodian seeking a response to the original request. If the  
28 government record is in storage or archived, the requestor shall be so  
29 advised within seven business days after the custodian receives the  
30 request. The requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the  
31 record can be made available. If the record is not made available by  
32 that time, access shall be deemed denied.

33 (2) During a period declared pursuant to the laws of this State as a  
34 state of emergency, public health emergency, or state of local disaster  
35 emergency, the deadlines by which to respond to a request for, or grant  
36 or deny access to, a government record under paragraph (1) of this  
37 subsection or subsection e. of this section shall not apply, provided,  
38 however, that the custodian of a government record shall make a  
39 reasonable effort, as the circumstances permit, to respond to a request  
40 for access to a government record within seven business days or as  
41 soon as possible thereafter.

42 j. A custodian shall post prominently in public view in the part or  
43 parts of the office or offices of the custodian that are open to or  
44 frequented by the public a statement that sets forth in clear, concise  
45 and specific terms the right to appeal a denial of, or failure to provide,  
46 access to a government record by any person for inspection,  
47 examination, or copying or for purchase of copies thereof and the  
48 procedure by which an appeal may be filed.

1 k. The files maintained by the Office of the Public Defender that  
2 relate to the handling of any case shall be considered confidential and  
3 shall not be open to inspection by any person unless authorized by law,  
4 court order, or the State Public Defender.  
5 (cf: P.L.2021, c.371, s.11)

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7 3. Section 1 of P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-1) is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 1. a. As used in this act, P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-1 et al.):

10 "Authorized person" means a covered person or any of the  
11 following persons hereby authorized to submit or revoke a request for  
12 the redaction or nondisclosure of a home address on behalf of a  
13 covered person:

14 (1) on behalf of any federal judge, a designee of the United States  
15 Marshals Service or of the clerk of any United States District Court,  
16 provided that the designee submits the affirmation required under  
17 subsection d. of section 2 of P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-2) signed by  
18 each federal judge for whom a request or revocation is made;

19 (2) on behalf of any covered person who is deceased or medically  
20 or psychologically incapacitated, a person acting on behalf of the  
21 covered person as a designated trustee, as an estate executor, or  
22 pursuant to a written power of attorney or other legal instrument,  
23 provided that the person signs and submits the affirmation required  
24 under subsection d. of section 2 of P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-2) in the  
25 stead of the covered person; and

26 (3) on behalf of any immediate family member who is a minor and  
27 who is otherwise entitled to address redaction or nondisclosure  
28 pursuant to this act, the parent or legal guardian thereof.

29 "Covered person" means an active, formerly active, or retired  
30 judicial officer, <sup>1</sup>**or**<sup>1</sup> law enforcement officer, or child protective  
31 investigator in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**in**  
32 the Department of Children and Families<sup>1</sup>, as those terms are defined  
33 by section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1), or prosecutor <sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> and any  
34 immediate family member residing in the same household as the  
35 judicial officer, law enforcement officer, child protective investigator  
36 in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**in the**  
37 Department of Children and Families<sup>1</sup>, or prosecutor.

38 "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, or parent of, or  
39 any other family member related by blood or by law to, an active,  
40 formerly active, or retired judicial officer, <sup>1</sup>**or**<sup>1</sup> law enforcement  
41 officer, or child protective investigator in the Division of Child  
42 Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**in the Department of Children and**  
43 Families<sup>1</sup>, as defined by section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1),  
44 or prosecutor <sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> and who resides in the same household as the judicial  
45 officer, law enforcement officer, child protective investigator in the  
46 Division of Child Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**in the Department of**  
47 Children and Families<sup>1</sup>, or prosecutor.

1       b. There is established in the Department of Community Affairs  
2 an office to be known as the Office of Information Privacy. The office  
3 shall be led by a director, who shall be appointed by and serve at the  
4 pleasure of the Commissioner of Community Affairs and who may  
5 hire staff as necessary.

6       c. The director shall establish:

7       (1) a secure portal through which an authorized person may submit  
8 or revoke a request for the redaction or nondisclosure of a covered  
9 person's home address from certain records and Internet postings, as  
10 provided in section 2 of P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-2); and such  
11 requests shall not be subject to disclosure under P.L.1963, c.73  
12 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.);

13       (2) a process by which an authorized person may petition the  
14 director for reconsideration of a denial of such request or any  
15 revocations thereof;

16       (3) a process by which a person or entity may request receipt of a  
17 record that does not contain redactions, or of information that is not  
18 disclosable, resulting from subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.2021,  
19 c.371 (C.47:1B-2); and

20       (4) a process for the evaluation of any other exceptions to the  
21 requirement for redaction or nondisclosure pursuant to section 2 of  
22 P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-2), whether categorical or individualized.  
23 The director may grant an exception to any person or entity for the  
24 receipt of the unredacted records or information pursuant to this  
25 process.

26       d. The director shall evaluate and either approve or deny a request  
27 submitted pursuant to subsection c. of this section and any revocations  
28 thereof.

29       e. (1) The director may enter into any agreement or contract  
30 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

31       (2) The director may issue any guidance, guidelines, decisions, or  
32 rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.  
33 The rules and regulations shall be effective immediately upon filing  
34 with the Office of Administrative Law for a period not to exceed 18  
35 months, and shall, thereafter, be amended, adopted, or readopted in  
36 accordance with the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure Act,"  
37 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

38 (cf: P.L.2021, c.371, s.1)  
39

40       4. Section 2 of P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-2) is amended to read as  
41 follows:

42       2. a. An authorized person seeking the redaction or nondisclosure  
43 of the home address of any covered person from certain records and  
44 Internet postings consistent with section 2 of P.L.2015, c.226 (C.47:1-  
45 17), section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1), or section 6 of  
46 P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5) shall submit a request in accordance with  
47 section 1 of P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-1) to the Office of Information  
48 Privacy through the secure portal established by the office. The

1 address shall only be subject to redaction or nondisclosure if a request  
2 is submitted to and approved by the Director of the Office of  
3 Information Privacy.

4 b. A public agency shall redact or cease to disclose, in accordance  
5 with section 6 of P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5) and section 1 of  
6 P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1), respectively, the home address of a  
7 covered person approved by the Office of Information Privacy not  
8 later than 30 days following the approval. A public agency shall also  
9 discontinue the redaction or nondisclosure of the home address of any  
10 covered person for whom a revocation request has been approved not  
11 later than 30 days following the approval.

12 c. An immediate family member who has sought and received  
13 approval under subsection a. of this section and who no longer resides  
14 with the active, formerly active, or retired judicial officer,  
15 '[prosecutor,]' [or] law enforcement officer, '[or]' child protective  
16 investigator in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency '[in  
17 the Department of Children and Families]' , or prosecutor' , shall  
18 submit through the portal a revocation request not later than 30 days  
19 from the date on which the immediate family member no longer  
20 resided with the judicial officer, '[prosecutor, or]' law enforcement  
21 officer ' , child protective investigator in the Division of Child  
22 Protection and Permanency, or prosecutor' .

23 d. A person submitting a request pursuant to subsection a. of this  
24 section shall affirm in writing that the person understands that certain  
25 rights, duties, and obligations are affected as a result of the request,  
26 including:

27 (1) the receipt of certain notices from non-governmental entities as  
28 would otherwise be required pursuant to the "Municipal Land Use  
29 Law," P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.);

30 (2) the signing of petitions related to the nomination or election of  
31 a candidate to public office or related to any public question;

32 (3) the eligibility or requirements related to seeking or accepting  
33 the nomination for election or election to public office, or the  
34 appointment to any public position;

35 (4) the sale or purchase of a home or other property, recordation of  
36 a judgment, lien or other encumbrance on real or other property, and  
37 any relief granted based thereon;

38 (5) the ability to be notified of any class action suit or settlement;  
39 and

40 (6) any other legal, promotional, or official notice which would  
41 otherwise be provided to the person but for the redaction or  
42 nondisclosure of such person's home address pursuant to subsection a.  
43 of this section.

44 (cf: P.L.2021, c.371, s.2)

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46 5. Section 1 of P.L.2015, c.226 (C.2C:20-31.1) is amended to  
47 read as follows:

1       1. a. For the purposes of this section:

2       "Authorized person" means a covered person or any of the  
3 following persons hereby authorized to submit or revoke a request for  
4 the redaction or nondisclosure of a home address or unpublished  
5 telephone number on behalf of a covered person pursuant to subsection  
6 c. of this section:

7       (1) on behalf of any federal judge, a designee of the United States  
8 Marshals Service or of the clerk of any United States District Court;

9       (2) on behalf of any covered person who is deceased or medically  
10 or psychologically incapacitated, a person acting on behalf of the  
11 covered person as a designated trustee, as an estate executor, or  
12 pursuant to a written power of attorney or other legal instrument; and

13       (3) on behalf of any immediate family member who is a minor and  
14 who is otherwise entitled to address redaction or nondisclosure  
15 pursuant to this act, P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-1 et al.), the parent or  
16 legal guardian thereof.

17       "Covered person" means an active, formerly active, or retired  
18 judicial officer, <sup>1</sup>**["or"]**<sup>1</sup> law enforcement officer, or child protective  
19 investigator in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**["in**  
20 **the Department of Children and Families"]**<sup>1</sup>, as those terms are defined  
21 by section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1), or prosecutor and any  
22 immediate family member residing in the same household as the  
23 judicial officer, law enforcement officer, child protective investigator  
24 in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**["in the**  
25 **Department of Children and Families"]**<sup>1</sup>, or prosecutor.

26       <sup>1</sup>"Home telephone number" means any telephone number used  
27 primarily for personal communications, including a landline or cellular  
28 telephone number.<sup>1</sup>

29       "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, or parent of, or  
30 any other family member related by blood or by law to, an active,  
31 formerly active, or retired judicial officer, <sup>1</sup>**["or"]**<sup>1</sup> law enforcement  
32 officer, or child protective investigator in the Division of Child  
33 Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**["in the Department of Children and**  
34 **Families"]**<sup>1</sup>, as those terms are defined by section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23  
35 (C.47:1A-1.1), or prosecutor <sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> and who resides in the same  
36 household as the judicial officer, law enforcement officer, child  
37 protective investigator in the Division of Child Protection and  
38 Permanency <sup>1</sup>**["in the Department of Children and Families"]**<sup>1</sup>, or  
39 prosecutor.

40       <sup>1</sup>"News media" means newspapers, magazines, press associations,  
41 news agencies, wire services, or other similar printed means of  
42 disseminating news to the general public.<sup>1</sup>

43       "Person" shall not be construed to include in any capacity the  
44 custodian of a government record as defined in section 1 of P.L.1995,  
45 c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1).

46       b. Upon notification pursuant to subsection c. of this section, and  
47 not later than 10 business days after receipt thereof, a person shall not

1 knowingly, with purpose to expose another to harassment or risk of  
2 harm to life or property, or in reckless disregard of the probability of  
3 such exposure, post, repost, publish, or republish on the Internet, or  
4 otherwise make available, the home address or unpublished home  
5 telephone number of any covered person, except in compliance with  
6 any court order, law enforcement investigation, or request by a  
7 government agency or person duly acting on behalf of the agency.

8 c. An authorized person, as defined in subsection a. of this  
9 section, seeking to prohibit the disclosure of the home address or  
10 unpublished home telephone number of any covered person consistent  
11 with subsection b. of this section shall provide written notice to the  
12 person from whom <sup>1</sup>~~they are~~ the authorized person is<sup>1</sup> seeking  
13 nondisclosure that <sup>1</sup>~~they are~~ the authorized person is<sup>1</sup> an authorized  
14 person and requesting that such person cease the disclosure of such  
15 information and remove the protected information from the Internet or  
16 where otherwise made available.

17 d. A reckless violation of subsection b. of this section is a crime  
18 of the fourth degree. A purposeful violation of subsection b. of this  
19 section is a crime of the third degree.

20 e. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a person,  
21 business, or association <sup>1</sup>~~who~~ that<sup>1</sup> has received information as  
22 unredacted pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 through 3 of  
23 P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-1 through C.47:1B-3) from making the  
24 information available consistent with the purposes for which the  
25 person, business, or association received the information. A person,  
26 business, or association that uses or makes available the information in  
27 a way that is inconsistent with the purposes for which the person,  
28 business, or association received the information shall be liable as  
29 provided pursuant to subsection d. of this section.

30 f. Nothing herein shall be construed to impose liability on the  
31 news media for failure to remove information from previously printed  
32 newspapers <sup>1</sup>~~].~~ As used in this subsection, "news media" means  
33 newspapers, magazines, press associations, news agencies, wire  
34 services, or other similar printed means of disseminating news to the  
35 general public<sup>1</sup> , and nothing herein shall be construed to impose  
36 liability relating to telephone directories or directory assistance unless  
37 the covered person has requested to be unpublished in the directory  
38 and directory assistance by the applicable publication deadline<sup>1</sup>.

39 (cf: P.L.2021, c.371, s.5)

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41 6. Section 3 of P.L.2015, c.226 (C.56:8-166.1) is amended to read  
42 as follows:

43 3. a. (1) Upon notification pursuant to paragraph (2) of this  
44 subsection, and not later than 10 business days following receipt  
45 thereof, a person, business, or association shall not disclose or re-  
46 disclose on the Internet or otherwise make available, the home address  
47 or unpublished home telephone number of any covered person, as  
48 defined in subsection d. of this section <sup>3</sup>~~],~~ who has received approval



1 from the Office of Information Privacy for the redaction or  
2 nondisclosure of the covered person's address<sup>3</sup>.

3 (2) An authorized person seeking to prohibit the disclosure of the  
4 home address or unpublished home telephone number of any covered  
5 person consistent with paragraph (1) of this subsection shall provide  
6 written notice to the person from whom <sup>1</sup>~~["they are"]~~ the authorized  
7 person is<sup>1</sup> seeking nondisclosure that <sup>1</sup>~~["they are"]~~ the authorized  
8 person is<sup>1</sup> an authorized person and requesting that the person cease  
9 the disclosure of the information and remove the protected information  
10 from the Internet or where otherwise made available.

11 (3) An immediate family member who has provided notice  
12 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection and who no longer resides  
13 with the judicial officer, <sup>1</sup>~~["prosecutor,"]~~ <sup>1</sup>~~["or"]~~ law enforcement officer,  
14 <sup>1</sup>~~["or"]~~<sup>1</sup> child protective investigator in the Division of Child Protection  
15 and Permanency <sup>1</sup>~~["in the Department of Children and Families"]~~ , or  
16 prosecutor<sup>1</sup> shall provide notice to that effect to the person, business,  
17 or association not later than 30 days from the date on which the  
18 immediate family member no longer resided with the judicial officer,  
19 <sup>1</sup>~~["prosecutor, child protective investigator in the Division of Child~~  
20 Protection and Permanency in the Department of Children and  
21 Families, or"]<sup>1</sup> law enforcement officer <sup>1</sup>, child protective investigator  
22 in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency, or prosecutor<sup>1</sup> .

23 b. A person, business, or association that violates subsection a. of  
24 this section shall be liable to the <sup>1</sup>~~["aggrieved"]~~ covered<sup>1</sup> person <sup>1</sup>~~or the~~  
25 covered person's assignee<sup>1</sup> , who may bring a civil action in the  
26 Superior Court. <sup>4</sup><sup>3</sup>~~["The covered person, or the covered person's~~  
27 assignee as defined in this section, may bring such a civil action  
28 commencing on the date of enactment of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_ (pending  
29 before the Legislature as this bill).<sup>3</sup><sup>4</sup>

30 c. The court <sup>1</sup>~~["may"]~~ shall<sup>1</sup> award:

31 (1) actual damages, but not less than liquidated damages computed  
32 at the rate of \$1,000 for each violation of this act;

33 (2) punitive damages upon proof of willful or reckless disregard of  
34 the law;

35 (3) reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably  
36 incurred; and

37 (4) any other preliminary and equitable relief as the court  
38 determines to be appropriate.

39 d. For the purposes of this section:

40 <sup>1</sup>~~["Assignee"]~~ means a person or entity to whom or which an  
41 authorized person has assigned, in writing, a covered person's right to  
42 bring a civil action for a violation of subsection a. of this section.<sup>1</sup>

43 "Authorized person" means a covered person or any of the  
44 following persons hereby authorized to submit or revoke a request for  
45 the redaction or nondisclosure of a home address on behalf of a  
46 covered person:

1 (1) on behalf of any federal judge, a designee of the United States  
2 Marshals Service or of the clerk of any United States District Court;

3 (2) on behalf of any covered person who is deceased or medically  
4 or psychologically incapacitated, a person acting on behalf of the  
5 covered person as a designated trustee, as an estate executor, or  
6 pursuant to a written power of attorney or other legal instrument; and

7 (3) on behalf of any immediate family member who is a minor and  
8 who is otherwise entitled to address redaction or nondisclosure  
9 pursuant to this act, the parent or legal guardian thereof.

10 "Covered person" means an active, formerly active, or retired  
11 judicial officer, <sup>1</sup>**[or]**<sup>1</sup> law enforcement officer, or child protective  
12 investigator in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**[in**  
13 the Department of Children and Families]<sup>1</sup>, as those terms are defined  
14 by section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1), or prosecutor <sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> and any  
15 immediate family member residing in the same household as such  
16 judicial officer, law enforcement officer, child protective investigator  
17 in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**[in the**  
18 Department of Children and Families]<sup>1</sup>, or prosecutor.

19 "Disclose" shall mean to solicit, sell, manufacture, give, provide,  
20 lend, trade, mail, deliver, transfer, post, publish, distribute, circulate,  
21 disseminate, present, exhibit, advertise or offer <sup>1</sup>, and shall include  
22 making available or viewable within a searchable list or database,  
23 regardless of whether a search of such list or database is actually  
24 performed.

25 "Home telephone number" means any telephone number used  
26 primarily for personal communications, including a landline or cellular  
27 telephone number<sup>1</sup>.

28 "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, or parent of, or  
29 any other family member related by blood or by law to, an active,  
30 formerly active, or retired judicial officer, <sup>1</sup>**[or]**<sup>1</sup> law enforcement  
31 officer, or child protective investigator in the Division of Child  
32 Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup>**[in the Department of Children and**  
33 Families]<sup>1</sup>, as those terms are defined by section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23  
34 (C.47:1A-1.1), or prosecutor <sup>1</sup>,<sup>1</sup> and who resides in the same  
35 household as such judicial officer, <sup>1</sup>**[prosecutor, child protective**  
36 investigator in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency in the  
37 Department of Children and Families, or]<sup>1</sup> law enforcement officer <sup>1</sup>,  
38 child protective investigator in the Division of Child Protection and  
39 Permanency, or prosecutor<sup>1</sup>.

40 <sup>1</sup>"News media" means newspapers, magazines, press associations,  
41 news agencies, wire services, or other similar printed means of  
42 disseminating news to the general public.<sup>1</sup>

43 "Person" shall not be construed to include in any capacity the  
44 custodian of a government record as defined in section 1 of P.L.1995,  
45 c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1).

46 e. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a person,  
47 business, or association <sup>1</sup>**[who]** that<sup>1</sup> has received information as

1 unredacted pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 through 3 of  
 2 P.L.2021, c.371 (C.47:1B-1 through C.47:1B-3) from making the  
 3 information available consistent with the purposes for which the  
 4 person, business, or association received the information. A person,  
 5 business, or association that uses or makes available the information in  
 6 a way that is inconsistent with the purposes for which the person,  
 7 business, or association received the information shall be liable as  
 8 provided pursuant to subsection c. of this section.

9 f. Nothing herein shall be construed to impose liability on the  
 10 news media for failure to remove information from previously printed  
 11 newspapers <sup>1</sup> **].** As used in this subsection, "news media" means  
 12 newspapers, magazines, press associations, news agencies, wire  
 13 services, or other similar printed means of disseminating news to the  
 14 general public **]** , and nothing herein shall be construed to impose  
 15 liability relating to telephone directories or directory assistance unless  
 16 the covered person has requested to be unpublished in the directory  
 17 and directory assistance by the applicable publication deadline<sup>1</sup>.

18 (cf: P.L.2021, c.371, s.8)

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 20 7. Section 8 of P.L.2020, c.125 (C.56:8-166.3) is amended to read  
 21 as follows:

22 8. This act shall be liberally construed in order to accomplish its  
 23 purpose and the public policy of this State, which is to enhance the  
 24 safety and security of certain public officials in the justice system,  
 25 including judicial officers, <sup>1</sup> **[prosecutors,]** <sup>1</sup> **[and]** <sup>1</sup> law enforcement  
 26 officers, <sup>1</sup> **[and]** <sup>1</sup> child protective <sup>1</sup> **[investigator]** investigators<sup>1</sup> in the  
 27 Division of Child Protection and Permanency <sup>1</sup> **[in the Department of**  
 28 **Children and Families]** , and prosecutors<sup>1</sup> , who served or have served  
 29 the people of New Jersey, and the immediate family members of these  
 30 individuals, to foster the ability of these public servants who perform  
 31 critical roles in the justice system to carry out their official duties  
 32 without fear of personal reprisal from affected individuals related to  
 33 the performance of their public functions. <sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this  
 34 section, "child protective investigator in the Division of Child  
 35 Protection and Permanency" has the same meaning as is provided in  
 36 section 1 of P.L.1995, c.23 (C.47:1A-1.1).<sup>1</sup>

37 (cf: P.L.2020, c.125, s.8)

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 39 8. <sup>3</sup> **[This]** <sup>4</sup> **[Except as otherwise specified, this<sup>3</sup>]** This<sup>4</sup> act  
 40 shall take effect <sup>2</sup> **[immediately]** <sup>4</sup> **[on]** immediately, except that  
 41 sections 1 through 5 and section 7 shall remain inoperative until<sup>4</sup>  
 42 the first day of the 13th month following the date of enactment <sup>4</sup> **[,**  
 43 except that the] . The<sup>4</sup> Department of Community Affairs may take  
 44 any anticipatory administrative action as shall be necessary for the  
 45 implementation of this act<sup>2</sup>.

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2  
3 Expands “Daniel’s Law” to prohibit disclosure of personal  
4 information concerning child protective investigators.