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Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: HB 2051-A

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SUMMARY

Conditionally exempts from disclosure, pursuant to public records request, contents of reports made through Department of State Police statewide tip line unless public interest requires disclosure in particular instance. Provides that personally identifiable information is not subject to public interest balancing. Authorizes disclosure to tip line staff, service providers, law enforcement and specified education persons for purpose of follow-up contact to provide or obtain further information. Provides that further information may be disclosed only to persons authorized to receive tip line information.

Permits department to disclose aggregated or summary tip line information for reporting and public education purposes.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure prohibits the disclosure of personally identifiable information received by the Department of State Police through their student safety tip line, any information received while investigating tips, and outcomes or actions taken in response to tip line information. This measure also makes information received by the student safety tip line, other than personally identifiable information, exempt from public disclosure unless public interest requires disclosure in the particular instance.

If the public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could receive more information relating to threats to students.