

By: Representative Lamar

To: Accountability,  
Efficiency, Transparency

HOUSE BILL NO. 1641

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 EXEMPT RECORDS OF A PUBLIC BODY WHICH CONTAIN CLIENT INFORMATION  
3 CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI  
4 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT OF 1983; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 57-1-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 57-1-14. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3)  
9 of this section, any records of \* \* \* a public body, as defined by  
10 paragraph (a) of Section 25-61-3, which contain client information  
11 concerning development projects shall be exempt from the  
12 provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 for a  
13 period of two (2) years after receipt of the information by  
14 the \* \* \* public body. Confidential client information as  
15 described in this section shall not include the information which  
16 must be disclosed by the certified applicant related to a  
17 qualified economic development project in the annual report  
18 described in Section 57-1-759.



19           (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this  
20 section, confidential client information in public records held  
21 by \* \* \* a public body shall be exempt from the provisions of the  
22 Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 during the period of review  
23 and negotiation on a project proposal and for a period of thirty  
24 (30) days after approval, disapproval or abandonment of the  
25 proposal not to exceed one (1) year by the \* \* \* public body in  
26 writing.

27           (3) Any breakouts or subcategories of the total qualified  
28 investment amounts reported pursuant to Sections 57-114-5(d) and  
29 57-114-13(2) (a) and (b), and information reported pursuant to  
30 Sections 57-114-5(g), (h) and (j) and 57-114-13(2) (f), (g), (h)  
31 and (i) shall not be subject to any disclosure under the  
32 Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. In addition, any  
33 information and documentation, including, without limitation,  
34 copies of any certifications, together with any amendments  
35 thereto, made by the Mississippi Development Authority, and copies  
36 of any mFlex agreements, together with any amendments thereto,  
37 approved and executed by the Mississippi Development Authority,  
38 pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act, which are:  
39 (a) provided by the authority to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor  
40 and/or Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to Section  
41 57-114-7(7) or 57-114-13(11); (b) provided by the authority to the  
42 University Research Center division of the Mississippi  
43 Institutions of Higher Learning pursuant to Section 57-114-15(6);



44 and (c) provided by the University Research Center division of the  
45 Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning to the Governor,  
46 Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives  
47 and/or the authority, shall not be subject to any disclosure under  
48 the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

49         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after July 1, 2024.

