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To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency

SENATE BILL NO. 2488

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT CERTAIN RECORDS OF A PUBLIC BODY CONCERNING ECONOMIC
3 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC RECORDS ACT OF
4 1983 FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OR DURING THE PERIOD OF REVIEW AND
5 NEGOTIATION ON A PROJECT PROPOSAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 57-1-14. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections
10 (2) and (3) of this section, any records of * * * a public body,
11 as defined by Section 25-61-3(a) which contain client information
12 concerning development projects shall be exempt from the
13 provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 for a
14 period of * * * four (4) years after receipt of the information
15 by * * * a public body. Confidential client information as
16 described in this section shall not include the information which
17 must be disclosed by the certified applicant related to a
18 qualified economic development project in the annual report
19 described in Section 57-1-759.



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

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



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

50 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
51 and after July 1, 2025.

