

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2181

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-11-51. (1) Test questions and answers in the possession
10 of a public body, as defined by paragraph (a) of Section 25-61-3,
11 which are to be used in future academic examinations, shall be
12 exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act
13 of 1983.

14 (2) Letters of recommendation in the possession of a public
15 body, as defined by paragraph (a) of Section 25-61-3, respecting
16 admission to any educational agency or institution, shall be
17 exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act
18 of 1983.

19 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this
20 subsection, documents, records, papers, data, protocols,
21 information or materials in the possession of a community college
22 or state institution of higher learning that are created,
23 collected, developed, generated, ascertained or discovered during

the course of academic research, shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(b) The exemption under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall not apply to a public record that has been published, copyrighted, trademarked or patented.

(4) Unpublished manuscripts, preliminary analyses, drafts of scientific or academic papers, plans or proposals for future research and prepublication peer reviews in the possession of a community college or state institution of higher learning, or submitted and accepted for publication by publishers shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(5) Nothing in this section shall otherwise create a public record right over, or shall impede or infringe upon, the copyright in any work.

(6) School safety plan documents containing preventive services listed in Section 37-3-83 shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(7) School district Test Security Plans for the administration of the Statewide Student Assessment Program shall be exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2025, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2025.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-11-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT TEST SECURITY PLANS FOR THE
3 ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATEWIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM SHALL
4 BE EXEMPT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC RECORDS ACT OF 1983; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

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