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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require that prior to the disclosure of a record of a department or agency of the state or a local governmental entity which contains personal identifying information of a federal, state, or local law enforcement officer or employee, the department or agency, upon request of the officer or employee, shall redact the record to delete the personal information.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public records; to add Section 41-13-7.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to prohibit the disclosure of personal identifying information of law enforcement officers and employees upon request of the officer or employee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 41-13-7.1 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§41-13-7.1.

(a) For the purposes of this act, the following terms have the following meanings:



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29 (1) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. As defined in Section
30 41-13-7.

31 (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER or EMPLOYEE. A judge of any
32 position, including a judge of a municipal court; a district
33 attorney; a deputy district attorney; an assistant district
34 attorney; an investigator employed by a district attorney; an
35 attorney, investigator, or special agent of the Office of the
36 Attorney General; a sheriff; a deputy sheriff; a jailor; or a
37 law enforcement officer of a county, municipality, the state,
38 or special district, provided the law enforcement officer is
39 certified by the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and
40 Training Commission and is not pending decertification; and
41 federal officers and employees in equivalent positions.

42 (b) Upon the request of a state or federal law
43 enforcement officer or employee, a department or agency of the
44 state or a county, municipality, or other subdivision of
45 government shall redact personal identifying information of
46 the officer from any document of the department or agency
47 prior to disclosure.

48 (c) Each department or agency of the state or a county,
49 municipality, or other subdivision of government shall make
50 available an online request form that allows a law enforcement
51 officer or employee to request the redaction of personal
52 identifying information from the records of the department or
53 agency.

54 (d) The redaction required by this section shall be
55 done on the same terms and conditions as the redaction of the
56 records of state and local employees pursuant to Section



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57 41-13-7.

58 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first
59 day of the third month following its passage and approval by
60 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.