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3 By Senator Orr
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Existing law establishes a standard procedure
6 for requesting public records.

7 This bill would require the custodian of public
8 records to redact certain information that could be
9 used to initiate a financial transaction such as bank
10 account numbers and routing numbers in any requested
11 public record.

12 This bill would prohibit persons from using the
13 names and addresses of persons in public records held
14 by local boards of education, or from selling or
15 offering to a third party the use of the names and
16 addresses of persons in public records held by local
17 boards of education, for the purpose of soliciting
18 those persons to purchase goods or services.

19 This bill would authorize the Attorney General
20 to impose civil penalties for violations of this
21 prohibition.

22 This bill would authorize the custodian of a
23 public record held by a local board of education who
24 reasonably believes the record may be used in violation
25 of this prohibition to require a written certification
26 from the requesting person.

27 This bill would also authorize the State Board
28 of Education to adopt rules to implement this bill.



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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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35 Relating to public records requests; to require
36 redaction from requested public records information that could
37 be used to initiate a financial transaction; to prohibit the
38 use of public records provided by a local board of education,
39 which contain lists of names and addresses of individuals or
40 entities, for the purpose of soliciting those individuals or
41 entities; to authorize the Attorney General to impose civil
42 penalties for violations; and to authorize the State Board of
43 Education to adopt rules.

44 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

45 Section 1. When any records relating to a public
46 contract for goods or services are requested pursuant to
47 Article 3 of Chapter 12 of Title 36, Code of Alabama 1975, the
48 public officer having custody of the records shall redact
49 account numbers, tax identification numbers, routing numbers,
50 employee identification numbers, and similar information that
51 may be used to initiate a financial transaction.

52 Section 2. (a) No person shall knowingly sell, give, or
53 receive any list of names and addresses contained in or
54 derived from public records requested from a local board of
55 education for the purpose of selling or offering for sale any
56 property or service to those individuals or entities listed



57 therein.

58 (b) Any person subject to this section who knowingly
59 violates subsection (a) shall be liable for the payment of a
60 civil penalty in an action brought by the Attorney General not
61 to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for each violation.

62 (c) If a request is made for public records that
63 contain the names or addresses of individuals or entities
64 which the public officer having custody of the records has
65 reasonable cause to believe may be used in violation of
66 subsection (a), the public officer may require the person
67 requesting the records or information therein to provide, in
68 addition to the certification described in Section
69 36-12-45(b) (3), Code of Alabama 1975, a written certification
70 that the requester does not intend to, and will not:

71 (1) Use any list of names or addresses contained in or
72 derived from the records or information for the purpose of
73 selling or offering for sale any property or service to any
74 individual or entity listed or to any individual who resides
75 at any address listed; or

76 (2) Sell, give, or otherwise make available to any
77 person any list of names or addresses contained in or derived
78 from the records or information for the purpose of allowing
79 that person to sell or offer for sale any property or service
80 to any individual or entity listed or to any individual who
81 resides at any address listed.

82 (d) This section shall not impose any liability on a
83 public officer having custody of a record for granting access
84 to or providing copies of public records or information

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85 containing names and addresses, in good faith compliance with
86 subsection (c), to a person who has made a written request for
87 access to such information and has executed a written
88 certification pursuant to subsection (c).

89 (e) The State Board of Education, by rule, may provide
90 guidance and a model certification form for custodians of
91 public records to implement this section.

92 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
93 1, 2026.