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Senate Bill 81 (as introduced 2-1-01)
Sponsor: Senator Glenn D. Steil
Committee: Judiciary

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Freedom of Information Act to require that a public body exempt from disclosure under the Act an individual's Social Security number that was contained in a public record.

"Public body" means any of the following:

- A State officer, employee, agency, department, division, bureau, board, commission, council, authority, or other body in the executive branch of State government, but not the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, the executive office of the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or employees of those offices.
- An agency, board, commission, or council in the legislative branch of State government.
- A county, city, township, village, intercounty, intercity, or regional governing body, council, school district, special district, or municipal corporation, or a board, department, commission, council, or agency of such an entity.
- Any other body created by State or local authority or primarily funded by or through State or local authority.

The judiciary, including the office of the county clerk and its employees, when acting in the capacity of clerk to the circuit court, is not included in the definition of "public body".

"Public record" means a writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a public body in the performance of an official function, from the time it is created. "Public record" does not include computer software. The Act specifies that it separates public records into the following two classes:

- Those that are exempt from disclosure under the Act.
- All public records that are not exempt from disclosure and that are subject to disclosure under the Act.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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