

**SENATE BILL NO. 2276**

Introduced by

Senators Lee, Dwyer, Hogue

Representatives Nathe, Roers Jones

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 44-04-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to confidentiality of law enforcement personnel records.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 44-04-18.3 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **44-04-18.3. Records of juvenile court supervisors and probation officers and law**  
7 **enforcement and correctional employees - Law enforcement work schedules -**  
8 **Confidential informants.**

9 1. ~~Any~~Except as provided in subsection 5, a telephone number and the home address in  
10 any personnel record of a prosecutor, district court judge, judicial referee, juvenile  
11 court director or probation officer, an employee of a law enforcement agency,  
12 employee of a state or local correctional facility, and an employee of the department of  
13 corrections and rehabilitation are confidential. Information contained in a personnel  
14 record of an employee of the department of corrections and rehabilitation may not be  
15 disclosed to an inmate in the legal custody of the department of corrections and  
16 rehabilitation confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility unless authorized  
17 by the director of the department of corrections and rehabilitation. Information  
18 contained in a personnel record of a law enforcement officer of a state or local law  
19 enforcement agency or in the personnel record of a correctional employee of a  
20 correctional facility subject to chapter 12-44.1 may not be disclosed to an inmate  
21 confined in a state correctional facility or correctional facility subject to chapter 12-44.1  
22 unless authorized by the employing agency.

23 2. Records or other information that would reveal the identity, or endanger the life or  
24 physical well-being, of an undercover law enforcement officer is confidential. For

- 1 purposes of this subsection, an "undercover law enforcement officer" means a  
2 full-time, salaried employee of a local or state law enforcement agency who acts  
3 surreptitiously or poses as someone other than a law enforcement officer while  
4 engaging in the investigation of a violation of law.
- 5 3. Any record containing the work schedule of employees of a law enforcement agency is  
6 exempt.
- 7 4. A law enforcement officer or prosecutor, within the scope of the employment of the  
8 officer or prosecutor, may provide assurances of confidentiality to a person providing  
9 information regarding violations of the law. Any information that would identify or  
10 provide a means of identifying a confidential informant, if the identity of the informant is  
11 not otherwise publicly known, is confidential and may be disclosed only as permitted  
12 by law.
- 13 5. An address of an individual in subsection 1 which is included in a geographic  
14 information system, a property title record, or tax parcel data is an exempt record.  
15 However, the address may not be accessible to the public through the geographic  
16 information system, property title record, or tax parcel data via a search of the  
17 individual's name only.