State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S2/8/17

A Bill

SENATE BILL 131

By: Senator G. Stubblefield

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXEMPT FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
OF 1967 CERTAIN RECORDS OF THE STATE CAPITOL POLICE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO EXEMPT FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT OF 1967 CERTAIN RECORDS OF THE STATE
CAPITOL POLICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 14, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:


A record or other information related to the operations, emergency procedure, and security personnel of the State Capitol Police is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq., including without limitation:

(1) Records or other information that upon disclosure could reasonably be expected to be detrimental to the public safety, including without limitation records or other information concerning emergency or security plans, State Capitol Building or Capitol Hill apartment complex safety plans, monitoring capabilities, procedures, risk assessments, studies, measures, or systems; and

(2) Records of other information relating to the number of licensed security officers, certified State Capitol Police officers, or other security personnel, as well as any personal information about a security
officer, certified State Capitol Police officer, or other security personnel.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that this exemption is needed for the security of the State Capitol Building and Capitol Hill apartment complex; that this act protects confidential records belonging to the State Capitol Police; and that this act is immediately necessary because currently this exemption does not exist in law. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/G. Stubblefield

APPROVED: BECAME LAW ON 03/13/2017 WITHOUT THE GOVERNOR’S SIGNATURE.