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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 615

By: Senator G. Stubblefield

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THAT THE *EMERGENCY OR SECURITY*  
PLAN FOR A *PUBLIC SCHOOL OR POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION*  
IS EXEMPT FROM THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF  
*1967; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER*  
*PURPOSES.*

### Subtitle

*TO ESTABLISH THAT THE EMERGENCY OR*  
*SECURITY PLAN FOR A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR*  
*POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION IS EXEMPT FROM*  
*THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967;*  
*AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.*

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 13, is amended to add a new section to read as follows:

6-15-1304. Emergency and security plans – Disclosure exempted.  
An emergency or security plan required by this subchapter or otherwise  
implemented by a public school that operates a prekindergarten program or by  
a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) public school or public charter  
school is confidential and is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act  
of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Subchapter 61, Chapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-61-139. Emergency and security plans - Disclosure exempted.



1 An emergency or security plan required by law or otherwise implemented  
2 by a postsecondary institution is confidential and is not subject to the  
3 Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.  
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5 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
6 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the safety of public school  
7 and postsecondary institution students is of critical importance; that the  
8 disclosure of emergency and security plans by public schools and  
9 postsecondary institutions threatens student safety and inhibits the school's  
10 or institution's ability to plan for crisis situations; and that this act  
11 should become effective at the earliest opportunity to prevent such  
12 disclosures and promote the safety of students. Therefore, an emergency is  
13 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
15 on:

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

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

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