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ALLOW PUBLIC BODY TO EXEMPT 911 CALLS FROM DISCLOSURE

House Bill 5737

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5737 AS INTRODUCED 2-21-02

House Bill 5737 would amend the Freedom of Information Act (MCL 15.243) to allow a public body to generally exempt from disclosure as a public record records, recordings, and other reports of emergency telephone calls made to the 9-1-1 system, unless the public interest in disclosure outweighed the public interest in nondisclosure in a particular instance. If a public body generally exempted such disclosures, it would still have to disclose calls in the following circumstances:

- calls to persons within the 9-1-1 system to the extent necessary to implement and manage the 9-1-1 system;
- calls to a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency for the purpose of criminal investigations related to a 9-1-1 call; and
- in accordance with a court order.

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