



ANALYSIS

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House Bill 5797 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Kristy Pagan House Committee: Law and Justice Senate Committee: Judiciary

## **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to exempt from disclosure information that would reveal the identity of an anonymous party in a civil action alleging sexual misconduct.

Under the Act, upon providing a public body's FOIA coordinator with a written request that describes a public record sufficiently to enable the public body to find the public record, a person has a right to inspect, copy, or receive copies of the requested public record of the public body. A public body may exempt a public record from disclosure under a number of exemptions in the Act.

The bill also would allow a public body to exempt from disclosure information that would reveal the identity of a party who proceeded anonymously in a civil action in which the party alleged that he or she was the victim of sexual misconduct.

MCL 15.243 Legislative Analyst: Stephen Jackson

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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