

such records are in his actual personal custody and control.

[(f) The term "custodian"] (G) "CUSTODIAN" means and includes the official custodian or any authorized person having personal custody and control of the public records in question.

[(q) The term "person"] (H) "PERSON" means and includes any natural person, corporation, partnership, firm [or], association, OR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY.

[(h) The term "person"] (I) "PERSON in interest" means and includes the person who is the subject of a record or any representative designated by said person, except that if the subject of the record is under legal disability, the term "person in interest" shall mean and include the parent or duly appointed legal representative.

1A.

THE STATE, COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, OR ANY AGENCIES THEREOF, ~~SHALL SHOULD MAY~~ MAINTAIN ONLY SUCH INFORMATION ABOUT A PERSON AS IS RELEVANT AND NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH A PURPOSE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OR AGENCY WHICH IS AUTHORIZED OR REQUIRED TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY STATUTE, EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF A LOCAL JURISDICTION, JUDICIAL RULE, OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE MANDATE. MOREOVER, ALL PERSONS ARE ENTITLED TO INFORMATION REGARDING THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE OFFICIAL ACTS OF THOSE WHO REPRESENT THEM AS PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES. TO THIS END, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN EVERY INSTANCE WITH THE VIEW TOWARD PUBLIC ACCESS, UNLESS AN UNWARRANTED INVASION OF THE PRIVACY OF A PERSON IN INTEREST WOULD RESULT THEREFROM, AND THE MINIMIZATION OF COSTS AND TIME DELAYS TO PERSONS REQUESTING INFORMATION.

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(a) All public records shall be open for inspection by any person at reasonable times, except as provided in this article or as otherwise provided by law[, but the]. THE official custodian of any public [records may] RECORD SHALL make AND PUBLISH such rules and regulations with reference to the TIMELY inspection AND PRODUCTION of such [records] RECORD as shall be reasonably necessary for the protection of such [records] RECORD and the prevention of unnecessary interference with the regular discharge of the duties of the custodian or his office.

(b) If the public records requested are not in the custody or control of the person to whom WRITTEN application is made, such person shall, [forthwith] WITHIN TEN WORKING DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST, notify the applicant of this fact AND IF KNOWN, THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORD AND THE LOCATION OR POSSIBLE LOCATION THEREOF.

(c) If the public records requested are in the