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SUMMARY

- Exempts the following from the Public Records Law:
 - Records of past, current, and future work schedules of a designated public service worker;
 - A request form submitted to a public office to redact personal information from the internet;
 - An affidavit requesting that the county auditor remove the name of a designated public service worker from any record made available publicly on the internet.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Public Records Law generally

The Public Records Law generally requires a public office, upon request, to promptly prepare public records and make them available for inspection at reasonable times during regular business hours. A public record is any record kept by any public office, and any record on the delivery of educational services by an alternative school kept by an entity operating the school, that serves to document the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the office or entity operating the school. Exceptions to the Public Records Law are specifically provided for in law.¹

¹ R.C. 149.011, not in the bill, and R.C. 149.43.

Designated public service worker work schedules

The bill exempts from the Public Records Law records of past, current, and future work schedules of a designated public service worker.²

Request to redact personal information from the internet

The bill exempts from Public Records Law a request form submitted to a public office to redact personal information from the internet.³ Under continuing law, an individual may request, on a form developed by the Attorney General, that a public office redact personal information of that individual from any record made available to the general public on the internet. Additionally under continuing law, a designated public service worker may request, on a form developed by the Attorney General, that a public officer, other than a county auditor, redact the designated public service worker's address from any record made available to the general public on the internet that includes that designated public service worker residential and familial information, which is not considered a public record. The bill adds that a former designated public service worker may also request to have their address redacted.⁴

Affidavit to county auditor

The bill exempts from Public Records Law an affidavit requesting that the county auditor remove the name of a designated public service worker from any record made available publicly on the internet. Under continuing law, an individual who is a designated public service worker, or their spouse, may submit an affidavit to the county auditor requesting that county auditor remove the name of the individual filing the affidavit from any record made available to the general public on the internet or a publicly accessible database and from the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property and replace it with the individual's initials.⁵

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² R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(tt); See also R.C. 149.43(A)(7), which defines "designated public service worker."

³ R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(uu).

⁴ R.C. 149.43(A)(1)(p) and 149.45; See also R.C. 149.43(A)(8), which defines "designated public service worker residential and familial information."

⁵ R.C. 145.43(A)(1)(vv) and 319.28.