

Public Officials and Employees

S.B. 4

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- Expands “designated public service worker” status to emergency service telecommunicators, certain Ohio National Guard members, protective service workers, forensic mental health providers, mental health evaluation providers, and regional psychiatric hospital employees, making these individuals eligible for the following protections:
 - Residential and familial information is exempted from disclosure under the Public Records Law.
 - May request the individual’s address be redacted from any record of a public office that is publicly available on the internet in which the individual’s residential and familial information appears, except for the records of a county auditor.
 - May request that the county auditor replace the designated public service worker’s or the worker’s spouse’s name with their initials on records publicly available on the internet or in a publicly accessible database.
- Requires the Adjutant General to designate Ohio National Guard members, who are participating in duties related to remotely piloted aircraft as designated public service workers under the Public Records Law.
- Requires the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation or Industrial Commission to disclose a workers’ compensation claimant’s name to a journalist on written request, and eliminates their duty to disclose the address and telephone number of a claimant’s dependent on a journalist’s request.