## Nevada Bills 2021 Session

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description	Amendments	<b>Current Committee</b>	Status	Position	Туре
AB21	Division of Child and Family Services	Authorizes participants in the fictitious address program to request that their personal information maintained by the county assessor or county recorder be kept confidential without securing a court order. Also prohibits Secretary of State, and city and county clerks, from making participants' personal information available, and requires DMV to display alternate address on their driver's license upon request.	Requires additional proof and confirmation of participation in the program, beyond affidavits, to authorize county clerks and assessors to maintain confidentiality without a court order.	Government Affairs	Approved by Governor. Chapter 71.	Neutral	Public Records
<u>AB39</u>	Dept of Public Safety	Excludes from the definition of public records (1) records of inter-agency or intra-agency "predecisional deliberations" and (2) "notes and working papers prepared by or for a public officer or employee used solely for that officer's or employee's own personal use and other materials that do not have an official purpose".	N/A	Government Affairs	No committee hearing. Dead.	Oppose	Public Records
AB44	Clark County	Authorizes public hospital governing boards to hold secret meetings, covering a broad range of topics, that are not subject to the Open Meeting Law. (The only topics expressly not covered by the bill are "change of management or ownership or the dissolution of the county hospital.") Also exempts the minutes, supporting materials and recordings or transcripts of the closed meetings from the Public Records Act. NOTES: Some county commissions are also public hospital governing boards. The current law already authorizes these secret meetings and confidentialities. AB44 expressly exempts them from the Open Meeting and Public Records laws.	N/A	Health and Human Services	No committee hearing. Dead.	Oppose	Open Meeting/ Public Records
<u>AB47</u>	Attorney General	Amends the Unfair Trade Practice Act, primarily by requiring notice of M&A activity and authorizing the AG to investigate same. Sec. 9 of the bill requires information collected as a result of the notice or investigation to be kept confidential "in the same manner and to the same extent as required" with regard to other investigations under the UTPA.	Amendment limits focus to M&A activity within health care providers and group medical practices in the state. Confidentiality remains.	Commerce and Labor	Approved by Governor. Chapter 77.	Neutral	Public Records

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AB58	Attorney General	Bill provides AG with authority to investigate whether state or local law enforcement agencies have engaged in conduct leading to a "pattern and practice" of civil rights violations, and to file suit if there's reasonable cause to believe they have. Sec. 1(6) and Sec. 4 makes all information collected as part of such an investigation confidential unless and until a suit is filed, or in other limited circumstances.	Clarifies that confidentiality applies broadly to "the content of any investigation". Requires AG to issue report if there is no "pattern or practice" or if one "could not be substantiated".	Judiciary	Approved by Governor. Chapter 46.	Oppose Sec. 1(6) and Sec. 4	Public Records
<u>AB67</u>	Dept of Education	In bill revising provisions relating to the suspension or expulsion of public school students accused of battery on a school employee or distributing illegal drugs on school premises, exempts disciplinary hearings and proceedings from the Open Meeting Law.	Extends requirement of closed disciplinary "proceedings" to charter schools, university schools for gifted students and school district boards of trustees. ("Hearings" are already exempt.)	Education	Approved by Governor. Chapter 384.	Neutral	Open Meeting
AB71	Division of Natural Heritage of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Designates as confidential information about the location of a rare plant, animal species or ecological community declared endangered under the Endangered Species Act and included in the Division's data systems. Also authorizes the Division Administrator to release confidential information for a reasonable fee, under certain circumstances.	Eliminates "reasonable fee" exception and limits Administrator's discretion in withholding information by stating he "shall release information" if requestor "is engaged in conservation, environmental review or scientific research" and signs an agreement to keep information confidential. Also expands definition of "endangered".	Natural Resources	Approved by Governor. Chapter 257.	Oppose / Neutral after amendment	Public Records
AB127	Dickman, O'Neill, Wheeler, Roberts, Titus, etc.	Authorizes peace officers and retired peace officers to obtain court orders requiring county recorders, to maintain certain personal information in a confidential manner. Under current law, justices, judges, court personnel, district attorneys or attorneys employed by the district attorney, public defenders, child welfare workers, county managers, code enforcement personnel, and their immediate families, can obtain such orders.	N/A	Government Affairs	No committee hearing. Dead.	Neutral	Public Records

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AB201	Assembly: Gonzalez, Yeager, Flores. Senate: Donate, Harris, Ohrenschall	Requires prosecuting attorneys to maintain "complete and systematic records of cases prosecuted by the office in which testimony or information was provided by an informant pursuant to a cooperation agreement" and makes such information confidential. Also requires prosecutors to share the information with defense counsel if prosecutors intend to use the testimony.	N/A	Judiciary	Passed Assembly 26-16, died in Senate.	Neutral	Public Records
AB253	Considine	Makes several minor changes to the Open Meeting Law, primarily focused on adding new requirements for meetings of public bodies that use remote technology systems. Sec. 1 expands the circumstances under which subcommittees and working groups are exempt from the law. Sec. 5 reduces from "absolute" to "qualified" the privilege a witness testifying before a public body has to "publish defamatory material as part of a public meeting".	Clarifies remote meeting requirements, including that public bodies comprised solely of elected officials that hold remote meetings must also provide a physical location for members of the public to attend and participate in the meeting.	Government Affairs	Approved by Governor. Chapter 247.	Oppose Sec. 1 / Neutral after Sec. 1 eliminated	Open Meeting
AB276	Matthews, Wheeler, Dickman, Black, etc.	Allows requestors who prevail in a public records lawsuit to collect three times their cost, including attorney's fees, doubling the damages paid to prevailing requestors under the current law.	N/A	Government Affairs	No committee hearing. Dead.	Support	Public Records
<u>SB26</u>	Dept of Public Safety	Expands data constituting "personal information" that must be protected by "data collectors" i.e., businesses and government entities that collect personal information and are required to take certain precautions to ensure the protection of the information.	N/A	Commerce and Labor	No committee hearing. Dead.	Neutral	Data Collection
<u>SB40</u>	Patient Protection Commission	Requires DHHS to establish an all- payer claims database of information relating to health insurance claims resulting from medical, dental or pharmacy benefits in Nevada. Makes all information contained in the database confidential.	Amendments not relevant to confidentiality	Health and Human Services	Approved by Governor. Chapter 480.	Neutral	Public Records

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<u>SB51</u>	Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration	Creates investigation unit concerning sex- and gender-based harassment and discrimination against employees of the Executive Department of the State Government. Sec. 5(6) makes confidential unit's investigative records, and written reports of complaints and resolution of complaints.	Allows Administrator to disclose any information and provides appeal process for those whose identity may be exposed by disclosure. Stipulates parties named in the complaint may disclose identity of others named in the complaint if disclosure is necessary to file a claim authorized by law. Mandates that steps must be taken to protect complainant from retaliation if their identity is disclosed.	Legislative Operations and Elections	Approved by Governor. Chapter 321.	Oppose Sec. 5(6) / Neutral after amendment	Public Records
<u>SB67</u>	Clark County	In bill creating a new alternative procedure for awarding a public works contract via a job order contract, makes any document or other information submitted to a public body in response to an RFP confidential until the contract is awarded.	Makes the bill a "pilot program" for the alternative procedure and narrows applicability to Clark County and various local governments within the county. Extends confidentiality to include RFPs "or similar solicitation documents" and terminates confidentiality requirement when "notice of intent to award the contract is issued" instead of when the "contract is awarded."	Government Affairs	Approved by Governor. Chapter 523.	Neutral	Public Records
<u>SB77</u>	Legislative Committee on Public Lands	Exempts from the public records and open meeting laws all communications and records between local and state government units and federal agencies regarding environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act proceedings.	Eliminates public records exemption. Explicitly limits closed meetings to discussions addressed in the MOU entered into with the federal agency.	Government Affairs	Approved by Governor. Chapter 488.	Oppose	Open Meeting
SB109	Spearman	Requires government agencies that collect demographic data related to race or ethnicity to also request information related to sexual orientation and gender identity. Provides that "all information related to a person's sexual orientation or gender identity" is confidential. Also requires annual report to the legislature and stipulates "information must be reported in the aggregate and must not include any personally identifying information."	Amendments not relevant to confidentiality.	Government Affairs	Approved by Governor. Chapter 489.	Neutral	Public Records

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<u>SB115</u>	Spearman	Authorizes State Legislators to obtain court orders requiring county assessors, county recorders, Secretary of State or county or city clerk to maintain certain personal information in a confidential manner. Under current law, justices, judges, court personnel, district attorneys or attorneys employed by the district attorney, public defenders, child welfare workers, county managers, code enforcement personnel, and their immediate families, can obtain such orders.		Government Affairs	No committee hearing. Dead.	Oppose	Public Records
SB200	Harris	Establishes the Nevada Employee Savings Trust and makes personal information related to individual participants and information related to individual accounts confidential.		Government Affairs	Passed GA Committee. No further action taken.	Neutral	Public Records
<u>SB201</u>	Committee to Conduct an Interim Study Concerning the Costs of Prescription Drugs	Requires the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to license and regulate pharmaceutical sales representatives. Complaints against reps filed with the Division, and all records associated with investigations of such complaints are "confidential and privileged", unless the Division decides to initiate disciplinary action, in which case all such records become public.	Amendment not relevant to confidentiality	Finance	Passed Health and Human Services Committee. No further action taken.	Neutral	Public Records
<u>SB236</u>	Harris	Bill requires DPS and law enforcement agencies to collect and report standardized information relating to traffic stops. Part of Sec. 17 makes confidential "any identifying information" of law enforcement officers and people who were stopped. Further requires the collected information to be "used only for statistical purposes and not for any other purpose."	Limits data collection to situations in which a citation is issued. Requires DPS to "record" such data without identifying information of LEOs or drivers, and to make the "data available to the public for the purpose of allowing the inspection of statistical information concerning traffic stops, including, without limitation, the race and ethnicity of the driver."	Finance	Approved by Governor. Chapter 329.	Oppose part of Sec. 17 / Neutral after amendment	Public Records

Bill No.	Sponsor	Description	Amendments	<b>Current Committee</b>	Status	Position	Туре
SB243	Buck	Authorizes individuals who previously taught offenders in an educational program in a Department of Corrections facility to obtain a court order requiring county assessors, county recorders, and the Secretary of State or a city or county clerks to maintain their personal information "in a confidential manner". Also authorizes them to request that the DMV display an alternate address on their driver's license.	N/A	Government Affairs	No committee hearing. Dead.	Oppose	Public Records
<u>SB298</u>	Kieckhefer	In bill amending processes relating to the creation and management of inland port facilities, exempts certain meetings of inland port authority boards from the Open Meeting Law.	Amended 4/9 to delete OML provisions	Government Affairs	Passed GA Committee. No further action taken.	Oppose OML sections of bill / Neutral after amendment	Open Meeting
<u>SB445</u>	Governor (Dept of Administration)	Eliminates newspaper notice for bids and RFPs solicited through the state electronic purchasing system.	Amendment retains newspaper notice.	Government Affairs	Approved by Governor. Chapter 345.	Oppose / Neutral after amendment	Public Notice