

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0223

Public records-institutions of higher education.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Brown, Byrd, Goggles,
Greene, Harshman, Harvey, Lockhart, Madden,
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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public records; authorizing denial of
2 inspection of records of applications for president of
3 institutions of higher education and associated records as
4 specified; specifying applicability; and providing for an
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-203(b) by creating a new
10 paragraph (vii) is amended to read:

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12 **16-4-203. Right of inspection; grounds for denial;**
13 **access of news media; order permitting or restricting**
14 **disclosure; exceptions.**

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1 (b) The custodian may deny the right of inspection of
2 the following records, unless otherwise provided by law, on
3 the ground that disclosure to the applicant would be
4 contrary to the public interest:

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6 (vii) An application for the position of
7 president of an institution of higher education, letters of
8 recommendation or references concerning the applicant and
9 records or information relating to the process of searching
10 for and selecting the president of an institution of higher
11 education, if the records or information could be used to
12 identify a candidate for the position. As used in this
13 paragraph "institution of higher education" means the
14 University of Wyoming and any community college in this
15 state.

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17 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to all records or
18 information as stated in this act relating to the search
19 and selection process for which a board of trustees of an
20 institution of higher education or its agent is considering
21 applications on or after the effective date of this act,
22 and shall include all such records or information whether
23 developed or submitted prior to or after the effective date
24 of this act.

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2 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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