

## HOUSE BILL No. 2550

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas law enforcement training act; relating to  
2 open records, exemptions; amending K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-5611a and  
3 repealing the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-5611a is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 74-5611a. (a) The commission shall establish and maintain a  
8 central registry of all Kansas police officers or law enforcement officers.  
9 The purpose of the registry is to be a resource for all agencies who appoint  
10 or elect police or law enforcement officers to use when reviewing  
11 employment applications of such officers. The registry shall be made  
12 available only to those agencies who appoint or elect police or law  
13 enforcement officers.

14 (b) The director shall provide forms for registration and shall refuse  
15 any registration not submitted on such form in full detail.

16 (c) Within 30 days of appointment, election or termination, every city,  
17 county and state agency, every school district and every community  
18 college shall submit the name of any person appointed or elected to or  
19 terminated from the position of police officer or law enforcement officer  
20 within its jurisdiction.

21 (d) Upon termination, the agency head shall include a report  
22 explaining the circumstances under which the officer resigned or was  
23 terminated. Such termination report shall be available to the terminated  
24 officer and any law enforcement agency to which the terminated officer  
25 later applies for a position as a police officer or law enforcement officer.  
26 The terminated officer may submit a written statement in response to the  
27 termination and any such statement shall be included in the registry file  
28 concerning such officer. The director shall adopt a format for the  
29 termination report.

30 (e) The agency, agency head and any officer or employee of the  
31 agency shall be absolutely immune from civil liability:

32 (1) For the report made in accordance with subsection (d); and

33 (2) when responding in writing to a written request concerning a  
34 current or former officer from a prospective law enforcement agency of  
35 that officer for the report made in accordance with subsection (d) and for  
36 the disclosure of such report.

1       (f) *The registry maintained in accordance with subsection (a) and the*  
2 *report submitted in accordance with subsection (d) shall be confidential*  
3 *and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Kansas open records act,*  
4 *K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto. The confidentiality*  
5 *prescribed by this section is not subject to expiration pursuant to K.S.A.*  
6 *45-229, and amendments thereto, or any other statute.*

7       New Sec. 2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), any complaint  
8 or report, record or other information relating to a complaint which is  
9 received, obtained, created or maintained by the commission shall be  
10 confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the open records  
11 act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto. The confidentiality  
12 prescribed by this section is not subject to expiration pursuant to K.S.A.  
13 45-229, and amendments thereto, or any other statute.

14       (b) Any complaint, report, record, or other information relating to a  
15 complaint which is received, obtained, created or maintained by the  
16 commission may be disclosed:

17       (1) In any proceeding conducted by the commission in accordance  
18 with the Kansas administrative procedures act or in an appeal of an order  
19 of the commission entered in a proceeding, or to a party in such  
20 proceeding or that party's attorney;

21       (2) to a municipal, state or federal licensing, regulatory or  
22 enforcement agency with jurisdiction over acts or conduct similar to acts  
23 or conduct which would constitute grounds for action under this act; and

24       (3) To the director of police training when such disclosure is relevant  
25 to the exercise of the authority granted in K.S.A. 74-5604a(b), and  
26 amendments thereto.

27       (c) Any complaint or report, record or other information disclosed by  
28 the commission as authorized by this section shall remain under seal in the  
29 record of the administrative proceeding in which disclosed and shall not be  
30 redisclosed by the receiving party or agency except as otherwise  
31 authorized by law.

32       (d) This section shall be part of an supplemental to the Kansas law  
33 enforcement training act.

34       Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-5611a is hereby repealed.

35       Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
36 publication in the statute book.