

West Virginia Executive Branch

Privacy Tip

Question:

What is the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)?

Answer:

This law mandates that “every person has a right to inspect and copy any public record of a public body in this state, except as otherwise” exempted. The records covered by the Act include virtually all documents and information retained by a public body, regardless of their form; however, it does provide specific exemptions from disclosure. There are a total of sixteen exemptions which may be asserted (see W. Va. Code § 29B-1-4). Additionally, information may be specifically exempted from disclosure by statute.

Source: Freedom of Information Act (W. Va. Code § 29B-1-1 *et seq.*)
<http://www.legis.state.wv.us/WVCODE/masterfrm3Banner.cfm>