

LOCAL RECORDS ACT

Chapter 50 Illinois Compiled Statutes Act 205 Section 3b (50 ILCS 205/3b)

§ 3b. Arrest reports.

- (a) When an individual is arrested, the following information must be made available to the news media for inspection and copying:
 - (1) Information that identifies the individual, including the name, age, address, and photograph, when and if available.
 - (2) Information detailing any charges relating to the arrest.
 - (3) The time and location of the arrest.
 - (4) The name of the investigating or arresting law enforcement agency.
 - (5) If the individual is incarcerated, the amount of any bail or bond.
 - (6) If the individual is incarcerated, the time and date that the individual was received, discharged, or transferred from the arresting agency's custody.
- (b) The information required by this Section must be made available to the news media for inspection and copying as soon as practicable, but in no event shall the time period exceed 72 hours from the arrest. The information described in paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6) of subsection (a), however, may be withheld if it is determined that disclosure would:
 - (1) interfere with pending or actually and reasonably contemplated law enforcement proceedings conducted by any law enforcement or correctional agency;
 - (2) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement or correctional personnel or any other person; or
 - (3) compromise the security of any correctional facility.
- (c) For the purposes of this Section the term "news media" means personnel of a newspaper or other periodical issued at regular intervals whether in print or electronic format, a news service whether in print or electronic format, a radio station, a television station, a television network, a community antenna television service, or a person or corporation engaged in making news reels or other motion picture news for public showing.
- (d) Each law enforcement or correctional agency may charge fees for arrest records, but in no instance may the fee exceed the actual cost of copying and reproduction. The fees may not include the cost of the labor used to reproduce the arrest record.
- (e) The provisions of this Section do not supersede the confidentiality provisions for arrest records of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

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