

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota
2 Century Code, relating to exempting from the open records law records concerning individual
3 recipients of economic assistance administered under the division of community services or a
4 community action agency; and to declare an emergency.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 44-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 created and enacted as follows:

8 **Exemption of records relating to individual recipients of economic assistance or**
9 **benefits.** Records concerning individual applicants or recipients of economic assistance or
10 support administered under the division of community services or a community action agency,
11 including benefits or services, are exempt from section 44-04-18 and section 6 of article XI of
12 the Constitution of North Dakota. These exempt records include applications, income or
13 eligibility verification, assessments, or other personal, medical, or financial data.

14 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.