Senate Bill 32

By: Senators Brass of the 28th, Robertson of the 29th, Burke of the 11th, Albers of the 56th, Gooch of the 51st and others

### **AS PASSED**

# A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend Titles 43 and 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions
 and businesses and state government, respectively, so as to exempt certain personal records
 from public disclosure; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to
 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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### **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to professions and businesses,
8 is amended in Code Section 43-1-2, relating to appointment and general powers of division
9 director, members and meetings of professional licensing boards, examination standards,
10 roster of licensees, and funding, by revising subsection (k) as follows:

11 "(k) The division director shall prepare and maintain a roster containing the names and 12 addresses of all current licensees for each of the various professional licensing boards. A 13 copy of this roster, except for home addresses of licensees, shall be available to any person 14 upon request at a fee prescribed by the division director sufficient to cover the cost of 15 printing and distribution. The following shall be treated as confidential and need not be 16 disclosed without the approval of the professional licensing board to which application is17 made:

(1) Applications and other personal information, including home addresses, submitted
by applicants, except to the applicant, staff, and the board;

20 (2) Information, favorable or unfavorable, submitted by a reference source concerning21 an applicant, except to the staff and the board;

(3) Examination questions and other examination materials, except to the staff and theboard; and

(4) The deliberations of the board with respect to an application, an examination, a
 complaint, an investigation, or a disciplinary proceeding, except as may be contained in
 official board minutes."

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#### **SECTION 2.**

28 Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, is amended
29 in Code Section 50-18-72, relating to when public disclosure not required, by revising
30 paragraph (21) of subsection (a) as follows:

31 "(21) Records concerning public employees that reveal the public employee's home 32 address, home telephone number, personal mobile or wireless telephone number, day and 33 month of birth, social security number, insurance or information, medical information, 34 mother's birth name, credit card information, debit card information, bank account 35 information, account number, utility account number, password used to access his or her 36 account, financial data or and information other than compensation by a government 37 agency, unlisted telephone number if so designated in a public record, and the identity of 38 the public employee's immediate family members or dependents. This paragraph shall 39 not apply to public records that do not specifically identify public employees or their 40 jobs, titles, or offices. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term 'public employee' 41 means any officer, employee, or former employee of:

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42 (A) The State of Georgia or its agencies, departments, or commissions;

- 43 (B) Any county or municipality or its agencies, departments, or commissions;
- 44 (C) Other political subdivisions of this state;
- 45 (D) Teachers in public and charter schools and nonpublic schools; or
- 46 (E) Early care and education programs administered through the Department of Early
- 47 Care and Learning; <u>or</u>
- 48 (F) The federal government or its agencies, departments, or commissions;"

# 49 **SECTION 3.**

50 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law

51 without such approval.

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### **SECTION 4.**

53 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.