

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 835
HOUSE BILL 2164

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW REGARDING THE INSPECTION AND
EXAMINATION OF PUBLIC RECORDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 132-6 is rewritten to read:

"§ 132-6. **Inspection and examination of records.**—Every person having custody of public records shall permit them to be inspected and examined at reasonable times and under his supervision by any person, and he shall furnish certified copies thereof on payment of fees as prescribed by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, public records relating to the proposed expansion or location of specific business or industrial projects in the State may be withheld so long as their inspection, examination or copying would frustrate the purpose for which such public records were created; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to permit the withholding of public records relating to general economic development policies or activities."

Sec. 2. G.S. 132-9 is amended by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph to read:

"In an action to compel disclosure of public records which have been withheld pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 132-6 concerning public records relating to the proposed expansion or location of particular businesses and industrial projects, the burden shall be on the custodian withholding the records to show that disclosure would frustrate the purpose of attracting that particular business or industrial project."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of August, 1987.