

2016 Legislative Updates to GRAMA

Presentation by Paul Tonks, AAG counsel for
Division of Archives



Fun! Fun! Fun! Let's Talk About GRAMA ALL DAY!!

Presentation by Paul Tonks, at least for this moment,
is counsel for the Division of Archives...



2016 Legislative Updates.

- Whee...
- Yay...
- Why is this before lunch...
- And they have a lawyer doing this...



Legislative Updates!!

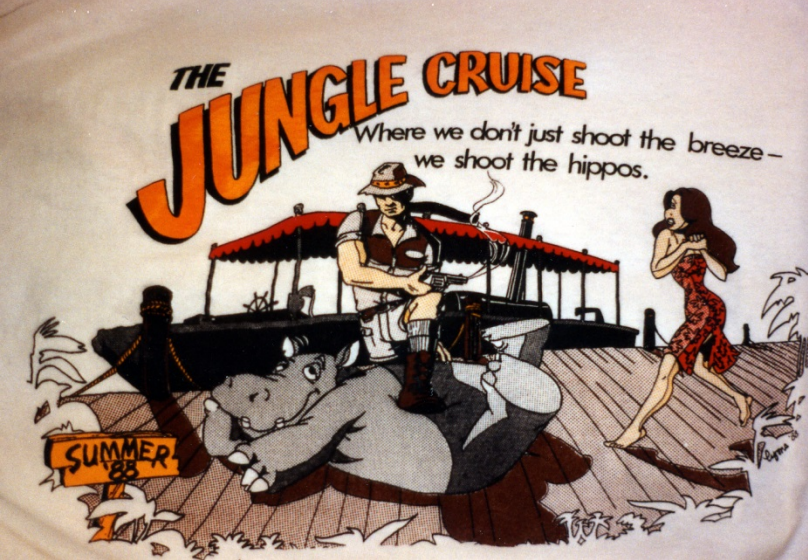
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- **Practicing law since 1996**
- **Staff Attorney for Ohio Courts of Appeals (10th and 12th Appellate Districts) 1996-2002**
- **Ohio Assistant Attorney General 2002-2004**
- **Associate Attorney Perez & Morris LLC**
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A DAY WITH GRAMA!!

**Utah State Archives' Annual Spring
Conference**

...held on April 1st.



He's a pitcher, part yogi and part recluse.
Impressively liberated from our
opulent life-style, Sidd's deciding about yoga—
and his future in baseball

by GEORGE PLIMPTON



THE CURIOUS CASE OF SIDD FINCH

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Figure 1

FINCH HAYDEN

State of Land Property

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Home Address GENERAL DELIVERY OLD GARDEN BEACH ME House Phone 1 1

Software Address _____	School Phone _____
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Position PITCHER Bats — Throws R Hgt 6'4" Wgt 170 DOB 1956?

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4 - Very Good	Base Steal			Fast Ball Throw	8	9	Drive		
3 - Above Average	Power Hitting Ability			Control Ball			Self Confidence		
2 - Average	Running Style			Slider			Mental Toughness		
1 - Below Average	Fast Reaction			Change Up			Pressure Play		
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2 - Fair	Arm Accuracy			Overcast Control	8	9	Dedication		
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GAWKY STRING-BEAN-TYPE. NO VISIBLE INJURIES

U. F. Schaefer, Toronto

UNBELIEVABLE!! FAST MAIL AND CONTROL
YOU GOT TO SEE THIS.

品名：品名，规格，产地，用途

NEVER PLAYED (NO JAKE)

OVERALL SUMMATION: COULD BE THE PHENOM. OF ALL-TIME. CALL ^{ME}

VERY HARD TO FIGURE

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Adjusted for \$ 0 ? Actual Worth \$? Agent Involvement ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date JULY 28, 1984

- OFF #
- First Report ☐
Supplemental ☐
- NEW YORK METS
FREE AGENT PLAYER REPORT**
- Date of Last Report
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- Player **FINCH HAYDEN**
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| 8 - Outstanding | Ability | | | Fast Ball | 8 | 97 | Self Confidence | DON'T KNOW |
| 7 - Very Good | Baserunning | | | Fast Ball Motion | 8 | 97 | Baseball Instincts | |
| 6 - Above Average | Power Arm's Strength | | | Curve Ball | 8 | 97 | Mental Toughness | |
| 5 - Average | Running Speed | | | Slider | 8 | 97 | Pressure Play | |
| 4 - Below Average | Base Running | | | Change-Up | 8 | 97 | Control | WEIRD |
| 3 - Weak | Arm Strength | | | Other | 8 | 97 | Coordination | |
| 2 - Poor | Arm Accuracy | | | Overall Control | 8 | 97 | Consistency | |
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“The Curious Case of Sidd Finch”

- **Hayden Siddhartha “Sidd” Finch**
- **Only wore one shoe while pitching (a hiking boot)**
- **Studied with Tibetan monks, where he learned “yogic mastery of mind-body.”**
- **Trying to decide between playing baseball or playing the French Horn**
- **Throws 163 mph.**
- **(fastest recorded pitch is 103 mph)**



THE NCAA's: A BIG EAST FEAST

Sports Illustrated

APRIL 1, 1985 \$1.95

**Dwayne
McClain**

Chris Mullin

**Patrick
Ewing**



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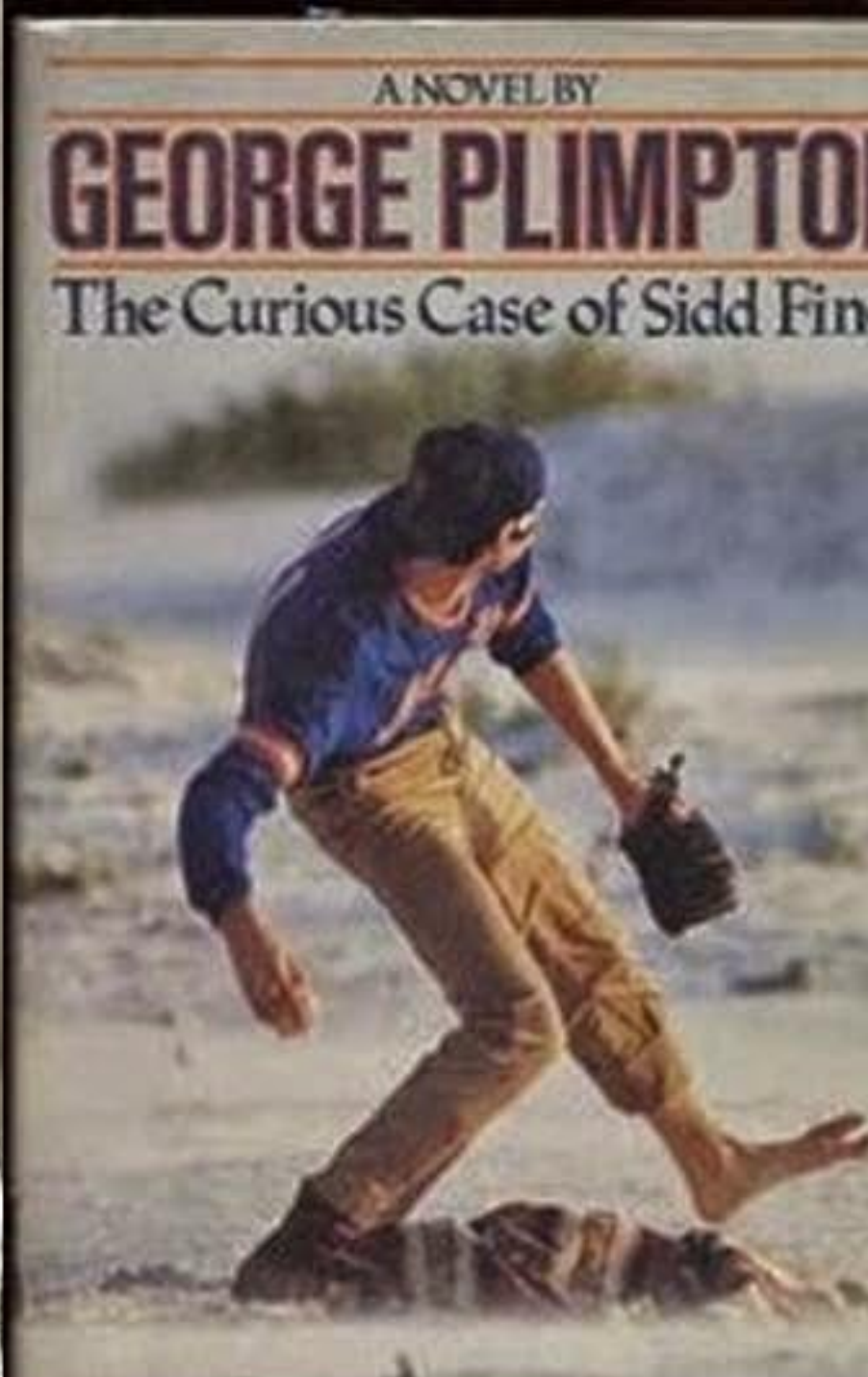
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**HAPPY
APRIL
FOOL
DAY
A FIB**



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Happy April Fool's Day!

...the Legislature didn't do much updating with GRAMA during the 2016 Legislative Session.

...sort of.

GRAMA: Third Rail in Utah Politics



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Utah lawmakers repeal controversial open records law

By Dennis Romboy and Marjorie Cortez, Deseret News

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Sen. Curtis S. Bramble speaks during debate over HB477. Utah legislators meet Friday, March 25, 2011, in special session at the state Capitol about HB477.

Scott G. Winterton, Scott G. Winterton, Deseret News

Summary

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The vote, however, doesn't mean changes to the

GRAMA: Third Rail in Utah Politics

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- News Media**
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If you make access easier, may be opposed by:

- Governmental entities (cost of access)**

GRAMA



**Public's Right to Access
to information concerning
conduct of the public's business.**

**Right to Privacy for
personal data gathered
by governmental entities.**


Three Changes to GRAMA in 2016


1. Body Cameras


2. FERPA


3. Fees

1. Body Cameras

 H.B. 300 Body-worn Cameras for Law Enforcement Officers


Bill Text


Status


Hearings/Debate

Enrolled

H.B. 300

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BODY-WORN CAMERAS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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OFFICERS

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2016 GENERAL SESSION

4

STATE OF UTAH

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Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

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Senate Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher

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LONG TITLE

9

General Description:

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This bill modifies the Utah Code of Criminal Procedure to address the use of

11

body-worn cameras by law enforcement officers.

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Highlighted Provisions:

13

This bill provides:

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• that a law enforcement agency that uses body-worn cameras worn by law

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enforcement officers shall have a written policy governing the use of body-worn

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cameras that meets or exceeds the minimum guidelines provided;

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• minimum guidelines for the activation or use of body-worn cameras; and

18

• the prohibited uses of body-worn cameras by law enforcement officers.

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

Bill Sponsor:


Rep. McCay, Daniel

Floor Sponsor:


Sen. Thatcher, Daniel W.

Substitute Sponsor: Rep. McCay, Daniel

Drafting Attorney: Susan Creager Allred

Fiscal Analyst: Brian Wikle

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Bill Text

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Other Versions

- H.B. 300

Related Documents

- Fiscal Note 
- HB0300 comparison
- Agency Perf Note

1. Body Cameras

Utah Code 63G-2-302(2): The following records are **private** if properly classified by a governmental entity:

1. Private vs. Protected Record
2. Under -302(2) not -302(1) which says “the following records are private.”

1. Body Cameras

Utah Code 63G-2-302(2): The following records are **private** if properly classified by a governmental entity:

(g) Audio and video recordings created by a body-worn camera...that record sound or images **inside a home or residence** except...

1. Body Cameras

(g) Audio and video recordings created by a body-worn camera...that record sound or images **inside a home or residence** except...

1. Depict the commission of an alleged crime;
2. Record any encounter with a law enforcement officer and a person that results in death or bodily injury, or includes an instance when an officer fires a weapon;
3. Record any encounter that is the subject of a complaint or a legal proceeding against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency;
4. Contain an officer involved criminal incident; or
5. Have been requested for reclassification as a public record by a subject or authorized agent of a subject featured in the recording.

1. Body Cameras

(g) Audio and video recordings created by a body-worn camera...that record sound or images **inside a home or residence** except...

...in other words, we want to protect the privacy of the inside of a person's home.

2015 Bills that didn't quite make it
to becoming a law (but were
rumored to have become a law)

HB 386: Body Cameras for Law Enforcement Officers




 H.B. 386 Body Cameras for Law Enforcement Officers



 Bill Text



 Status



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Introduced

BODY CAMERAS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Utah Code of Criminal Procedure and the Government Records Access and Management Act to address the use of body cameras by law enforcement officers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill provides:

- that a recording made by a body-worn camera by a law enforcement officer constitutes a private record, as specified;
- that a law enforcement agency that uses body-worn cameras by law enforcement officers shall have a written policy governing the use of body-worn cameras that meets or exceeds the minimum guidelines provided;
- minimum guidelines for activation and use of body-worn cameras;
- for prohibited uses of body-worn cameras by law enforcement officers;
- the minimum level of retention for recordings made by body-worn cameras;
- minimum guidelines for the use, disclosure, and access to recordings made by body-worn cameras;
- guidelines for the technological requirements of any agency retention system that is

Bill Sponsor:



Rep. McCay, Daniel

Floor Sponsor:

Drafting Attorney: Susan Creager Allred

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Bill Text

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Related Documents

- ◊ [Fiscal Note](#) 

Information

- ◊ **Last Action:** 12 Mar 2015, House/ filed
- ◊ **Last Location:** House file for bills not passed

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113 collected by a public transit district, including contact and payment information and customer
114 travel data;
115 (r) an email address provided by a military or overseas voter under Section
116 20A-16-501;
117 (s) a completed military-overseas ballot that is electronically transmitted under Title
118 20A, Chapter 16, Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act;
119 (t) records received by or generated by or for the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review
120 Commission established in Section 11-49-201, except for:

121 (i) the commission's summary data report that is required in Section 11-49-202; and
122 (ii) any other document that is classified as public in accordance with Title 11, Chapter
123 49, Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission; ~~and~~
124 (u) a record described in Subsection 53A-11a-203(3) that verifies that a parent was
125 notified of an incident or threat[-]; and
126 (v) any record described in Title 77, Chapter 7a, Law Enforcement Use of Body-Worn
127 Cameras, that:
128 (i) (A) occurs in a situation that constitutes a reasonable expectation of privacy; and
129 (B) does not constitute a recording of interest; or
130 (ii) contains images:
131 (A) that can be used to identify an individual; and
132 (B) that is not relevant to a recording of evidence or a recording of interest as defined
133 in Section 77-7a-102.

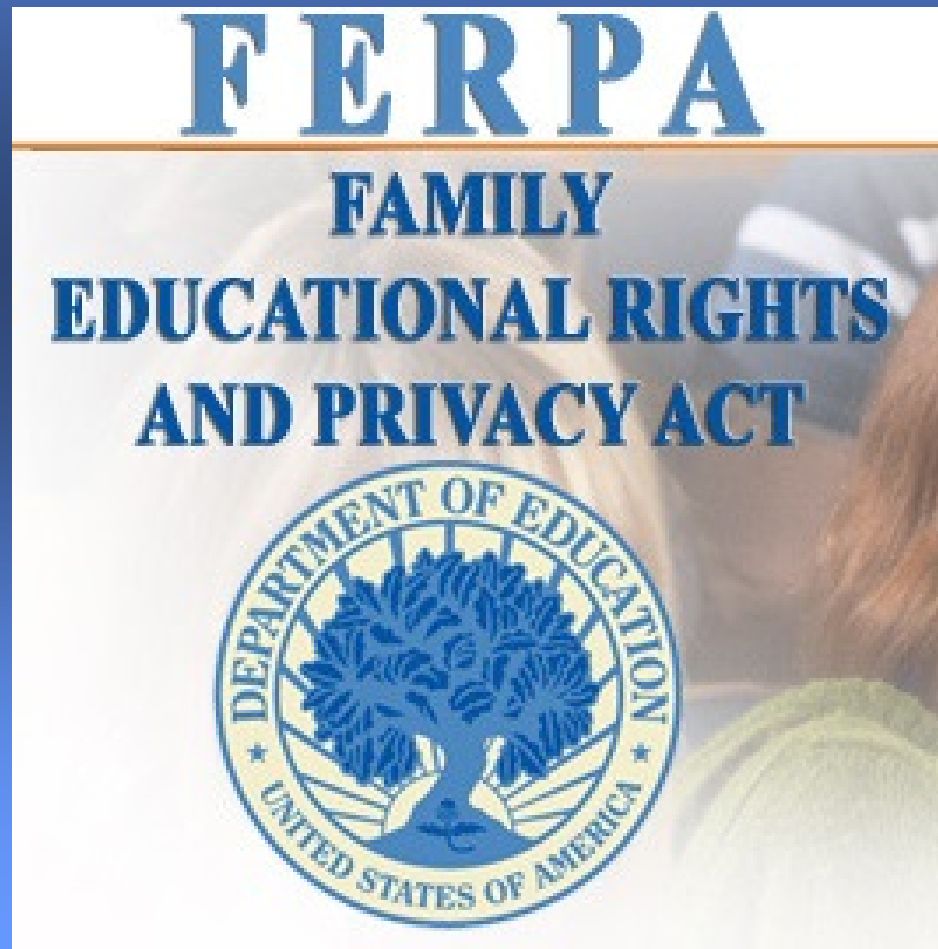
134 (2) The following records are private if properly classified by a governmental entity:
135 (a) records concerning a current or former employee of, or applicant for employment
136 with a governmental entity, including performance evaluations and personal status information
137 such as race, religion, or disabilities, but not including records that are public under Subsection
138 63G-2-301(2)(b) or 63G-2-301(3)(o) or private under Subsection (1)(b);
139 (b) records describing an individual's finances, except that the following are public:
140 (i) records described in Subsection 63G-2-301(2);
141 (ii) information provided to the governmental entity for the purpose of complying with
142 a financial assurance requirement; or
143 (iii) records that must be disclosed in accordance with another statute;
144 (c) records of independent state agencies if the disclosure of those records would

2. FERPA

What is FERPA?

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What is FERPA?

It is not...



a “Ferbie.”

2. FERPA

63G-2-107. Disclosure of records subject to federal law.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections 63G-2-201(6)(a) and (b), **this chapter does not apply** to a record containing **protected health information** as defined in 45 C.F.R., Part 164, Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, if the record is:

- (1) controlled or maintained by a governmental entity;
and
- (2) governed by 45 C.F.R., Parts 160 and 164, Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information.

- Commonly known as “HIPPA.”



2. FERPA



H.B. 288 Educational Records Protection Amendments



Bill Text



Status



Hearings/Debate

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H.B. 288

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EDUCATIONAL RECORDS PROTECTION AMENDMENTS

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2016 GENERAL SESSION

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STATE OF UTAH

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Chief Sponsor: Craig Hall

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Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill amends provisions related to the disclosure of education records.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 • amends provisions related to the disclosure of education records as defined under
13 federal law; and

14 • makes technical and conforming changes.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 **AMENDS:**

21 **63G-2-107**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

22

23 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

24 Section 1. Section **63G-2-107** is amended to read:

25 **63G-2-107. Disclosure of records subject to federal law.**

Bill Sponsor:



[Rep. Hall, Craig](#)

Floor Sponsor:



[Sen. Weiler, Todd](#)

Substitute Sponsor: [Sen. Bramble, Curtis S.](#)

Drafting Attorney: Rebekah M. Bradway

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- [Sub 2 \(Not Adopted\)](#)

Related Documents

- [Fiscal Note](#)
- [HB0288 comparison](#)
- [Agency Perf Note](#)

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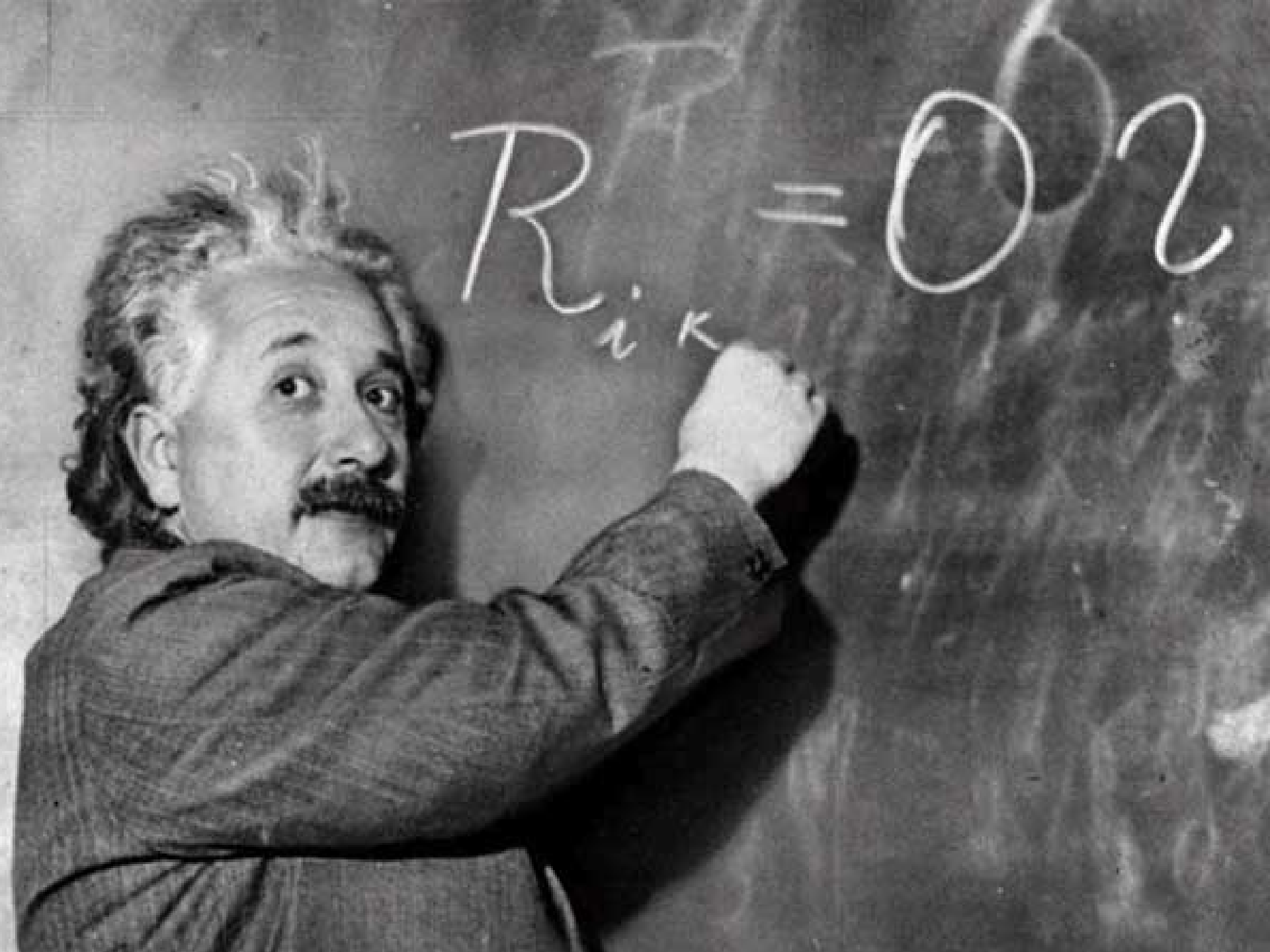
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(2) The disclosure of an education record as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 34 C.F.R. Part 99, that is controlled or maintained by a governmental entity shall be governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 34 C.F.R. Part 99.

2. FERPA

Takeaway: Disclosure of education records as defined by FERPA will be governed by FERPA.



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3. Fees



63G-2-203: Fees

General Proposition: A governmental entity may charge a reasonable fee to cover the governmental entity's actual cost of providing a record.” -203(1)

63G-2-203: Fees

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63G-2-203: Fees

Generally, when compiling a record in a form other than that normally maintained by the governmental entity, actual costs may include...

- 1. The cost of staff time compiling, formatting, manipulating, packaging, summarizing, or tailoring the record into an organization or media to meet the person's request.**
- 2. The cost of staff time for search, retrieval, and other direct administrative costs for complying with a request.**

- 203(2)(a)

63G-2-203: Fees

Remember! May not charge a fee for:

1. Reviewing a record to determine whether it is subject to disclosure;
or
2. Inspecting a record.

- 203(5)

63G-2-203: Fees

Remember!

1. Cannot charge for first 15 minutes of staff time; and
2. Time that can be charged for staff providing the record “may not exceed the salary of the lowest paid employee who...has the necessary skill and training to perform the request.” -203(2)(b) & (c)

63G-2-203: Fees

Can you provide a record for free???



“THERE’S NO SUCH THING
AS A FREE LUNCH.”

~ MILTON FRIEDMAN ~

63G-2-203: Fees

Sure!!!

“A governmental entity may fulfill a record request without charge...”

- 203(4)

63G-2-203: Fees

Sure!!!

“A governmental entity **may fulfill a record request without charge and is encouraged to do so when it determines that...”**

- 1. Releasing the record primarily benefits the public rather than a person;**
- 2. The individual requesting the record is the subject of the record (or can legally request for the person); or**
- 3. The requester’s legal rights are directly implicated by the information in the record, and the requester is impecunious.**

Legalese 101

“May” does not mean the same thing as “Shall.”



63G-2-203: Fees

“A person who believes that there has been an unreasonable denial of a fee waiver...may appeal the denial in the same manner as a person appeals when inspection of a public record is denied under 63G-2-205.”

- 203(6)

State Records Committee



Utah District Court



Standard of Review for Appeal



H.B. 63 Fees for Government Records Requests



Bill Text



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FEEES FOR GOVERNMENT RECORDS REQUESTS

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7 **LONG TITLE**

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H.B. 63

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63G-2-203: Fees

“A governmental entity **may** fulfill a record request without charge and is encouraged to do so ~~when~~ **if** it determines that...”

- Seriously? Not much change.

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(b) The adjudicative body hearing the appeal:

(i) shall review the fee waiver de novo, but shall review and consider the governmental entity's denial of the fee waiver and any determination under Subsection (4); and

(ii) has the same authority when a fee waiver or reduction is denied as it has when the inspection of a public record is denied.

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“De Novo” Latin for “from the beginning,” “afresh,” “anew,” “beginning again.”

Appeals to District Court from the State Records Committee

“The court shall make its decision
de novo...”

- 404(6)(a)

Things to Keep in Mind

- HB 63 has not become effective yet.
- HB 63 has not been presented to the Records Committee yet.
- “Utah Code § 63G-2-203(4) ‘encourages’ a governmental entity to fulfill a records request without charge under certain circumstances, but GRAMA still gives a governmental entity the discretion to deny a fee waiver request **as long as the denial can be considered reasonable.**” Utah State Records Committee.

Does HB 63 really make a difference?



What do I really need to know??

(...and why didn't he provide a handout?)

- Save the trees
- Lazy
- Had a cold yesterday (and hopefully still have a voice at this point of the presentation)
- Too busy doing things for Office of Administrative Rules
- Not a lot of changes really...

What do I really need to know??

1. Audio and video recordings inside a residence are generally “private” records.
2. Educational records for non-higher education institutions are governed by “FERPA” and are not considered “records” under GRAMA.
3. Fee waiver appeals to the State Records Committee are reviewed *de novo*.

Questions??

