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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

Public records act applicability to government
associations.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public records and meetings; specifying
2 that local government associations are subject to public
3 records and public meetings requirements; and providing for
4 an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 16-4-201(a)(xiii) and by creating a
9 new paragraph (xv), 16-4-203(d) by creating a new paragraph
10 (xxi) and (f)(ii)(C), 16-4-204(c) and 16-4-402(a)(ii) and
11 (iii) are amended to read:

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1 16-4-201. Definitions; short title; designation of
2 ombudsman.

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4 (a) As used in this act:

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6 (xiii) "Governmental entity" means the state of
7 Wyoming, an agency, political subdivision or state
8 institution of Wyoming or a local government association;

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10 (xv) "Local government association" means any
11 association, the membership of which is composed
12 exclusively of political subdivisions, including boards,
13 commissions, agencies or authorities of a subdivision, or
14 any combination of any of these entities.

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16 16-4-203. Right of inspection; grounds for denial;
17 access of news media; order permitting or restricting
18 disclosure; exceptions.

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20 (d) The custodian shall deny the right of inspection
21 of the following records, unless otherwise provided by law:

1 (xxi) Any records of a local government
2 association that are not directly related to the
3 transaction of public business.

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5 (f) Any person aggrieved by the failure of a
6 governmental entity to release records on the specified
7 date mutually agreed upon pursuant to W.S. 16-4-202(c)(iv)
8 or by the failure of a governmental entity to comply with
9 an order of the ombudsman pursuant to W.S. 16-4-202(c)(v)
10 may:

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12 (ii) File a complaint with the ombudsman who
13 may:

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15 (C) Waive any fees charged by the
16 governmental entity, except for reasonable fees charged by
17 a government association.

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19 **16-4-204. Right of inspection; copies, printouts or**
20 **photographs; fees.**

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22 (c) After July 1, 2003, except as otherwise provided
23 in this subsection, any fees or charges assessed by a

1 custodian of a public record shall first be authorized by
2 duly enacted or adopted statute, rule, resolution,
3 ordinance, executive order or other like authority. A local
4 government association may assess a reasonable charge or
5 fee for the costs and services set forth in this section.
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7 **16-4-402. Definitions.**
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9 (a) As used in this act:
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11 (ii) "Agency" means any authority, bureau,
12 board, commission, committee, or subagency of the state, a
13 county, a municipality or other political subdivision which
14 is created by or pursuant to the Wyoming constitution,
15 statute or ordinance, other than the state legislature, the
16 judiciary, the consensus revenue estimating group as
17 defined in W.S. 9-2-1002 and the investment funds committee
18 created by W.S. 9-4-720. "Agency" includes a local
19 government association as defined in W.S. 16-4-201(a)(xv);
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21 (iii) "Meeting" means an assembly of at least a
22 quorum of the governing body of an agency which has been
23 called by proper authority of the agency for the expressed

1 purpose of discussion, deliberation, presentation of
2 information or taking action regarding public business. For
3 purposes of a local government association as defined in
4 W.S. 16-4-201(a)(xv), "meeting" means a meeting that is
5 open to the full membership of the local government
6 association;

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8 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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10 (END)