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Freedom of Access to Teacher Placement Records  
1 MRSA 402

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Honorable Charles Pray  
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Dear Senator Pray:

In response to your oral inquiry as to whether teacher placement records fall under the Freedom of Access Law, it is my opinion that they do not. In 1 MRSA, section 402, the term "public records" is defined to mean any record which ". . . has been received or prepared for use in connection with the transaction of public or governmental business or contains information relating to the transaction of public or governmental business . . .". It is my opinion that this definition does not include files in the teacher placement office.

I trust the above explains to your satisfaction the reason why teacher placement records have not been open to the public.

Respectfully yours,

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