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Nothing in this section prevents the disclosure of any records, correspondence or other materials to authorized officers and employees of the State Government and Federal Government.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under federal law, state agencies are required to see that construction and construction-related firms which are owned and controlled by minorities, women and other disadvantaged groups have the opportunity to participate in federally-funded transportation projects. In certifying these firms as eligible minority, women's and disadvantaged business enterprises, state agencies obtain from applicants certain records which are considered confidential business records. Public disclosure of these records is potentially damaging to applicants, who run the risk of having sensitive business information made available to competitors. This bill prevents public disclosure of this information.

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