

**Subject** Government data practices: postsecondary student complaint data classified as private

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## Overview

Under the Government Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. Ch. 13), government data is public unless classified otherwise by the legislature. Currently, the Office of Higher Education (OHE) has authority to receive and investigate student complaints about registered/licensed postsecondary institutions. This bill classifies student complaint data as private, but permits the OHE to disclose the data to law enforcement, or as part of certain legal or administrative proceedings.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Minnesota Office of Higher Education.</b> Creates a technical cross-reference in Chapter 13.
2	<b>Public information.</b> Within the Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act, regarding information schools must submit to register with the OHE, amends the “public information” subdivision to clarify that student complaint data are private. Also permits the OHE to disclose student complaint data and other information to law enforcement officials or as part of a legal or administrative proceeding commenced to enforce a legal requirement.
3	<b>Private information.</b> Within the Private and Out-of-State Public Postsecondary Education Act, classifies student complaint data as private, but provides that the data may be disclosed as provided in section 2 of the bill.
4	<b>Private information.</b> Within the Private Career School Act, classifies student complaint data as private, but provides that the data may be disclosed to law enforcement officials or as part of a legal or administrative proceeding commenced to enforce a legal requirement.



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