



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Bill 9

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Rohl**

1 **An Act to make public the calendars and appointment logs of statewide public**  
 2 **officials.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 1-27-1.5 be AMENDED:**

5 **1-27-1.5.** The following records are not subject to §§ 1-27-1, 1-27-1.1, 1-27-1.3,  
 6 and § 1-27-1.23:

- 7 (1) Personal information in records regarding any student, prospective student, or  
 8 former student of any educational institution if such records are maintained by and  
 9 in the possession of a public entity, other than routine directory information  
 10 specified and made public in accordance with 20 U.S.C. § 1232g as the law existed  
 11 on January 1, 2009;
- 12 (2) Medical records, including all records of drug or alcohol testing, treatment, or  
 13 counseling, other than records of births and deaths. This subdivision in no way  
 14 abrogates or changes existing state and federal law pertaining to birth and death  
 15 records;
- 16 (3) Trade secrets, the specific details of bona fide research, applied research, or  
 17 scholarly or creative artistic projects being conducted at a school, postsecondary  
 18 institution, or laboratory funded in whole or in part by the state, and other  
 19 proprietary or commercial information which if released would infringe intellectual  
 20 property rights, give advantage to business competitors, or serve no material  
 21 public purpose;
- 22 (4) Records which consist of attorney work product or which are subject to any privilege  
 23 recognized in article V of chapter 19-19;
- 24 (5) Records developed or received by law enforcement agencies and other public bodies  
 25 charged with duties of investigation or examination of persons, institutions, or  
 26 businesses, if the records constitute a part of the examination, investigation,

- 1 intelligence information, citizen complaint or inquiry, informant identification, or  
2 strategic or tactical information used in law enforcement training. This subdivision  
3 does not apply to records so developed or received relating to the presence of and  
4 amount or concentration of alcohol or drugs in any body fluid of any person, and  
5 this subdivision does not apply to a 911 recording or a transcript of a 911 recording  
6 if the agency or a court determines that the public interest in disclosure outweighs  
7 the interest in nondisclosure. This law in no way abrogates or changes §§ 23-5-7  
8 and 23-5-11 or testimonial privileges applying to the use of information from  
9 confidential informants;
- 10 (6) Appraisals or appraisal information and negotiation records concerning the purchase  
11 or sale, by a public body, of any interest in real or personal property;
- 12 (7) Personnel information other than salaries and routine directory information. This  
13 subdivision does not apply to the public inspection or copying of any current or  
14 prior contract with any public employee and any related document that specifies  
15 the consideration to be paid to the employee;
- 16 (8) Information pertaining to the protection of public or private property and any person  
17 on or within public or private property including:
- 18 (a) Any vulnerability assessment or response plan intended to prevent or  
19 mitigate criminal acts;
- 20 (b) Emergency management or response;
- 21 (c) Public safety information that would create a substantial likelihood of  
22 endangering public safety or property, if disclosed;
- 23 (d) Cyber security plans, computer or communications network schema,  
24 passwords, or user identification names;
- 25 (e) Guard schedules;
- 26 (f) Lock combinations; and
- 27 (g) Any blueprint, building plan, or infrastructure record regarding any building  
28 or facility that would expose or create vulnerability through disclosure of  
29 the location, configuration, or security of critical systems of the building or  
30 facility;
- 31 (9) The security standards, procedures, policies, plans, specifications, diagrams, access  
32 lists, and other security-related records of the Gaming Commission and those  
33 persons or entities with which the commission has entered into contractual  
34 relationships. Nothing in this subdivision allows the commission to withhold from  
35 the public any information relating to amounts paid persons or entities with which

- 1 the commission has entered into contractual relationships, amounts of prizes paid,  
2 the name of the prize winner, and the municipality, or county where the prize  
3 winner resides;
- 4 (10) Personally identified private citizen account payment information, credit information  
5 on others supplied in confidence, and customer lists;
- 6 (11) Records or portions of records kept by a publicly funded library which, when  
7 examined with or without other records, reveal the identity of any library patron  
8 using the library's materials or services;
- 9 (12) ~~Correspondence~~ A public official or employee's correspondence, memoranda,  
10 ~~calendars or logs of appointments, working papers, and records of telephone calls~~  
11 ~~of public officials or employees~~ personal records or documents, notes, records of  
12 phone calls, calendar, and appointment log;
- 13 (13) Records or portions of records kept by public bodies which would reveal the location,  
14 character, or ownership of any known archaeological, historical, or paleontological  
15 site in South Dakota if necessary to protect the site from a reasonably held fear of  
16 theft, vandalism, or trespass. This subdivision does not apply to the release of  
17 information for the purpose of scholarly research, examination by other public  
18 bodies for the protection of the resource or by recognized tribes, or the federal  
19 Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act;
- 20 (14) Records or portions of records kept by public bodies which maintain collections of  
21 archeological, historical, or paleontological significance which nongovernmental  
22 donors have requested to remain closed or which reveal the names and addresses  
23 of donors of such articles of archaeological, historical, or paleontological  
24 significance unless the donor approves disclosure, except as the records or portions  
25 thereof may be needed to carry out the purposes of the federal Native American  
26 Graves Protection and Repatriation Act and the Archeological Resources Protection  
27 Act;
- 28 (15) Employment applications and related materials, except for applications and related  
29 materials submitted by individuals hired into executive or policymaking positions  
30 of any public body;
- 31 (16) Social security numbers; credit card, charge card, or debit card numbers and  
32 expiration dates; passport numbers; driver license numbers; or other personally  
33 identifying numbers or codes; and financial account numbers supplied to state and  
34 local governments by citizens or held by state and local governments regarding  
35 employees or contractors;

- 1 (17) Any emergency or disaster response plans or protocols, safety or security audits or  
 2 reviews, or lists of emergency or disaster response personnel or material; any  
 3 location or listing of weapons or ammunition; nuclear, chemical, or biological  
 4 agents; or other military or law enforcement equipment or personnel;
- 5 (18) Any test questions, scoring keys, results, or other examination data for any  
 6 examination to obtain licensure, employment, promotion or reclassification, or  
 7 academic credit;
- 8 ~~(19) Personal correspondence, memoranda, notes, calendars or appointment logs, or~~  
 9 ~~other personal records or documents of any public official or employee;~~
- 10 ~~(20)~~ Any document declared closed or confidential by court order, contract, or stipulation  
 11 of the parties to any civil or criminal action or proceeding, except as provided under  
 12 § 1-27-1.23;
- 13 ~~(21)~~(20) Any list of names or other personally identifying data of occupants of camping  
 14 or lodging facilities from the Department of Game, Fish and Parks;
- 15 ~~(22)~~(21) Records which, if disclosed, would constitute an unreasonable release of  
 16 personal information;
- 17 ~~(23)~~(22) Records which, if released, could endanger the life or safety of any person;
- 18 ~~(24)~~(23) Internal agency record or information received by agencies that are not  
 19 required to be filed with such agencies, if the records do not constitute final  
 20 statistical or factual tabulations, final instructions to staff that affect the public, or  
 21 final agency policy or determinations, or any completed state or federal audit and  
 22 if the information is not otherwise public under other state law, including chapter  
 23 15-15A and § 1-26-21;
- 24 ~~(25)~~(24) Records of individual children regarding commitment to the Department of  
 25 Corrections pursuant to chapters 26-8B and 26-8C;
- 26 ~~(26)~~(25) Records regarding inmate disciplinary matters pursuant to § 1-15-20, and  
 27 records regarding jail inmate disciplinary matters pursuant to § 24-11-23;
- 28 ~~(27)~~(26) Any other record made closed or confidential by state or federal statute or  
 29 rule or as necessary to participate in federal programs and benefits;
- 30 ~~(28)~~(27) A record of a settlement agreement or litigation regarding investment or  
 31 bankruptcy and involving the South Dakota Investment Council or the South  
 32 Dakota Retirement System, or both, unless the settlement or litigation results in a  
 33 finding of liability against the council or system, or both; and

1        ~~(29)~~(28)    A record of a settlement agreement or litigation regarding medical services  
2                    involving any county hospital established under chapter 34-8 or any municipal  
3                    hospital established under chapter 34-9.

4        **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-27:**

5                    The calendar and appointment log exemption in subdivision 1-27-1.5 (12) does not  
6                    apply to a calendar or appointment log created on or after July 1, 2025, for a person  
7                    holding a statewide office, as defined in § 12-27-1.