

HB11 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

There is no provision under state law that prohibits a state agency or occupational licensing board from entering into agreements preventing an individual from disclosing information garnered by that individual relating to misfeasance or malfeasance committed by an employee, officer, or contractor of that state agency or occupational licensing board which was committed while the employee, officer, or contractor was employed or serving that agency or board.

This bill would prohibit state agencies and occupational licensing boards from entering into agreements that restrict an individual from publicly disclosing information relating to misfeasance, malfeasance, or potential criminal activity committed by an employee, officer, or contractor of that agency or board while employed by, or serving, that agency or board.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT



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29 Relating to boards and agencies; to prohibit state
30 agencies and occupational licensing boards from prohibiting or
31 restricting an individual from publicly disclosing certain
32 information relating to an employee's or contractor's
33 misfeasance, malfeasance, or potential criminal activity.

34 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

35 Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "state agency"
36 means any department, agency, board, commission, bureau, or
37 public institution of higher education, and "occupational
38 licensing board" means any board or commission authorized by
39 state law to license or certify individuals to practice an
40 occupation or profession in the state.

41 (b) No state agency or occupational licensing board may
42 enter into any agreement that prevents or restricts an
43 individual from publicly disclosing any information or
44 knowledge gained by that individual which relates to any
45 misfeasance, malfeasance, or potential criminal activity
46 committed by an employee, officer, or contractor, or former
47 employee, officer, or contractor of that state agency or
48 occupational licensing board during the employee's, officer's,
49 or contractor's term of employment or service.

50 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
51 1, 2024.