



ENACTMENT NEWS

Senate Bill 321 **Public Records Requests** Effective September 27, 2016

On June 28, 2016, the Governor signed into law Senate Bill 321, which gives original and exclusive jurisdiction to the Court of Claims to hear complaints regarding a denial of a request for public records.

A public office that chooses to provide some or all of its public records on a web site that is fully accessible and searchable by members of the public at all times can make some restrictions on what it will produce in response to a public records request, except for requested records that are not provided online. Sec. 149.43 (B)(7)(c)(ii).

The bill was introduced on May 2, 2016. It passed the Ohio Senate May 11, 2016 (32-0) and the Ohio House of Representatives on May 25 (96-0).