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## HOUSE BILL 2207

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By Representative Santos

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- AN ACT Relating to exempting from public disclosure certain records relating to the conflict resolution process of the office of the
- 3 education ombudsman; and amending RCW 43.06B.040 and 42.56.320.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.06B.040 and 2006 c 116 s 6 are each amended to read 6 as follows:
- The education ombudsman shall treat all matters <u>associated with the</u>

  8 <u>conflict resolution process</u>, including the identities of students,
- 9 complainants, and other individuals from whom information is acquired,
- 10 as confidential, except as necessary to enable the education ombudsman
- 11 to perform the duties of the office. Upon receipt of information that
- 12 by law is confidential or privileged, the ombudsman shall maintain the
- 13 confidentiality of such information and shall not further disclose or
- 14 disseminate the information except as provided by applicable state or
- 15 federal law.
- 16 Sec. 2. RCW 42.56.320 and 2005 c 274 s 412 are each amended to
- 17 read as follows:

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The following ((educational)) information relating to education is exempt from disclosure under this chapter:

- (1) Financial disclosures filed by private vocational schools under chapters 28B.85 and 28C.10 RCW;
- (2) Financial and commercial information supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, corporation, or entity under chapter 28B.95 RCW relating to the purchase or sale of tuition units and contracts for the purchase of multiple tuition units;
- (3) Individually identifiable information received by the workforce training and education coordinating board for research or evaluation purposes; ((and))
- (4) Except for public records as defined in RCW ((40.14.040)) 40.14.010, any records or documents obtained by a state college, university, library, or archive through or concerning any gift, grant, conveyance, bequest, or devise, the terms of which restrict or regulate public access to those records or documents; and
- (5) All matters in the office of the education ombudsman associated with the conflict resolution process, including the identities of students, complainants, and other individuals from whom information is acquired.

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