



# HOUSE BILL 1062: Beaufort County/Animal Services Records.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 1062 would add Beaufort County to the list of counties that are permitted, but not required, to disclose personally identifiable information held by animal services agencies.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, all documents of a public entity are public records if not specifically excluded, and must be made available for inspection and copying, upon request.

In Burke, Guilford, and Pitt counties, personally identifiable information held by a county animal services agency relating to any of the following persons is not a public record:

- An individual who voluntarily surrendered ownership of an animal to an animal shelter.
- An individual who adopted a shelter animal or to whom a shelter animal has been placed through a foster program.

Although these counties are not required to disclose such information, they are authorized do so, in their discretion.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 1062 would add Beaufort County to the list of counties that are permitted, but not required, to disclose personally identifiable information held by the county animal services agency.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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