

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 355
SENATE BILL 365

AN ACT TO REQUIRE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM AN INSURER INSURING
TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES TO BE HELD CONFIDENTIAL AND
EXEMPT FROM THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 3 of Chapter 135 of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding a new section thereto, to be numbered G.S. 135-37, and to read as follows:

"§ 135-37. Information received from insurer held confidential. — Any information received from an insurer contracted with by the Retirement System under the provisions of this Article and concerning an individual insured shall be held confidential and shall be exempt from the provisions of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes or any other provision requiring information and records held by State agencies to be made public or accessible to the public. This section shall apply to all information concerning individuals, including the fact of coverage or noncoverage, whether or not a claim has been filed, medical information, whether or not a claim has been paid, and any other information or materials concerning an individual claim, claimant, or insured, including spouses, dependents and persons believed to be claimants or insureds, or spouses and dependents of claimants or insureds. Provided, however, such information may be released to the State Auditor or to the Attorney General in furtherance of his statutory duties and responsibilities and shall retain its character as confidential information exempt from Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and other provisions of a similar nature when so acquired by the State Auditor or the Attorney General."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of May, 1981.