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### SB 944

#### “PIA Omnibus” bill – Contains Six Components

- Component 1: “Temporary custodian” process for obtaining records from current and former officers and employees who independently maintain information.
- Component 2: Clarifies possession and maintenance requirements for information maintained on privately owned devices.
- Component 3: New exception to disclosure of certain health care information obtained by a governmental body in connection with a quality management, peer review, or best practices program.

## SB 944

- Component 4: Clarifies the permissible methods a requestor may use to submit a public information request and specifies that a governmental body may designate an email address and a mailing address for receiving requests.
- Component 5: Requires the OAG to create a public information request form for use by governmental bodies and requestors. Use is optional, but if used by a governmental body, then the form must be posted on the governmental body's website.
- Component 6: Excludes "protected health information" from the PIA.

Effective September 1st.

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## SB 943

- Adds several types of entities to PIA definition of "governmental body."
  - SB 943 updates the PIA exceptions relating to contracting information.
  - Revises section 552.104 and confirms that 552.104 may only be raised by a governmental body.
  - Defines "contracting information" and specifies the circumstances in which it may or may not be withheld.
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