Bills could alter Sunshine Law

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Several state senators and representatives think there should be a law that would allow the public to have access to records and meet on campus. Missouri's Sunshine Law has been in effect since 1963, which means that certain records are available for the public. However, when it comes to campus records, it is not as clear-cut.

Checklist for openness

Instead of creating a new law, it is possible to simply improve the Missouri Sunshine Law. There are several features already in place that could be strengthened.

1. The law requires that the Sunshine Law apply to all public institutions, including universities. This means that universities must provide access to the same information as other public institutions.

2. The law requires that the records be made available to the public in a timely manner. This means that the university must make the records available as soon as possible after the request is made.

3. The law requires that the records be available in a form that is useful to the public. This means that the university must provide the records in a format that is accessible to the public, such as a hard copy or an electronic format.

4. The law requires that the records be made available to the public in a manner that is consistent with the university's policies and procedures. This means that the university must provide the records in a manner that is consistent with its own policies and procedures.

5. The law requires that the records be made available to the public in a manner that is consistent with the university's budget. This means that the university must provide the records in a manner that is consistent with its own budget.

6. The law requires that the records be made available to the public in a manner that is consistent with the university's mission. This means that the university must provide the records in a manner that is consistent with its own mission.

7. The law requires that the records be made available to the public in a manner that is consistent with the university's goals. This means that the university must provide the records in a manner that is consistent with its own goals.

8. The law requires that the records be made available to the public in a manner that is consistent with the university's values. This means that the university must provide the records in a manner that is consistent with its own values.

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