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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sHB 5550

#### ***AN ACT EXEMPTING COURSE SYLLABI FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill exempts from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) records created by or for the faculty or staff of a public institution of higher education that consist of course syllabi.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***FOIA Exceptions***

FOIA generally requires government documents and records to be made available to the public, however, there are exceptions. Among others, existing exceptions include test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer a licensing, employment, or academic exam.

##### ***Related Bills***

HB 5548, favorably reported by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, exempts from disclosure under FOIA records maintained or kept on file by or for the faculty or staff of a public higher education institution arising out of teaching or research on medical, artistic, scientific, legal, or other scholarly issues, including any records of legal clinics or centers, excluding financial records.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13    Nay 6    (03/23/2026)