

Subject Government data practices: criminal investigative data

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Summary

Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. ch. 13), criminal investigative data are classified as confidential or protected nonpublic while the investigation is active. This classification shifts to public when the investigation becomes inactive. The statute enumerates three ways that an investigation can change from active to inactive, one of which is currently the passing of 30 years after the commission of the underlying offense. This bill lowers that threshold to 20 years.