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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Records - Trade Secrets and Confidential Information - Public**  
3 **Institutions of Higher Education**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of a part of a public  
5 record that contains information disclosing or relating to a trade secret,  
6 confidential commercial information, or confidential financial information  
7 owned in whole or in part by a public institution of higher education; and  
8 generally relating to the inspection of the public records of a public institution of  
9 higher education.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

11 Article - State Government  
12 Section 10-618(i)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2004 Replacement Volume)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - State Government**

18 10-618.

19 (i) A custodian may deny inspection of that part of a public record that  
20 contains information disclosing or relating to a trade secret, confidential commercial  
21 information, or confidential financial information owned in whole or in part by:

22 (1) the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; OR

23 (2) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
25 effect October 1, 2005.