

HB 2046 -- Court Records on Dissolutions of Marriage

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This bill requires any pleading, other than the interlocutory or final judgment, or any modification thereof, in a dissolution of marriage, legal separation, or motion to modify filed before August 28, 2009, to be subject to inspection only by the parties or an attorney of record or upon order of the court for good cause shown; by any person or designee of a person licensed and acting under Chapter 381, RSMo, who must keep any information obtained confidential except as necessary for the performance of functions required under the chapter; or by the Family Support Division within the Department of Social Services when services are being provided under Section 454.400. Persons authorized to inspect these documents are allowed to receive or make copies of the documents without requiring the clerk to redact information unless specifically ordered to do so by the court. The clerk must redact the Social Security number from any copy of a judgment or satisfaction of judgment before releasing a copy of the interlocutory or final judgment or satisfaction of judgment to the public. The bill also requires a lien on real estate that is obtained based on a judgment or order for child support or maintenance to state only the last four digits of the obligor's Social Security number.

The bill contains an emergency clause.