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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the disclosure of certain communications
2 made to the office of the governor or a state agency from
3 persons outside of government.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 22.7, subsection 18, Code 2018, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *d.* Information contained in the
4 communication is a public record if any of the following apply:

5 (1) The communication is made to the office of the
6 governor or to a state agency as defined in chapter 17A and the
7 information pertains to any provision of legislation introduced
8 in the general assembly.

9 (2) The communication is made to the office of the governor
10 or to a state agency and pertains to any provision of an
11 administrative rule for which a rulemaking document has been
12 published in the Iowa administrative bulletin.

13 (3) The communication is made to the office of the governor
14 as it pertains to agency action as defined in section 17A.2.

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EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Code section 22.7(18) provides that certain communications
19 made to a government body from persons outside of government
20 are considered confidential records for purposes of Code
21 chapter 22. This bill provides that certain information
22 contained in a communication that would otherwise be
23 confidential pursuant to this subsection is considered a public
24 record. The bill provides that information communicated to
25 the office of the governor or a state agency pertaining to
26 introduced legislation or an administrative rule for which
27 a rulemaking document has been published shall be a public
28 record. In addition, the bill provides that any information
29 in a communication to the office of the governor relative to
30 agency action, as defined in Code section 17A.2, shall be a
31 public record.