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NCOCG News

Only one law enforcement agency fully complies with public records request

Port City Daily: One week after Port City Daily sent public records requests to five municipal law enforcement agencies, only one agency fully complied with the public records request.

Read more about the public records requests:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/65358>

Laws would open more records, meetings

Wilson Times: State lawmakers filed two bills to give North Carolina residents more access to public records and meetings in the midst of a weeklong open government campaign.

Read more about the bills:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/65359>

A loophole in the law: power without transparency

The Pendulum: On March 8, the North Carolina Supreme Court made a decision that directly affects Elon University students. According to the ruling, private university campus police in North Carolina are effectively exempt from public records laws that require public records be disclosed in reasonable circumstances. This is a major loophole in the law.

Read more about this issue:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/65427>

Lawmakers fight public records pushback

Wilson Times: Lawmakers who want to strengthen open meetings and records laws and punish officials who violate them face formidable opposition from state employees groups.

Read more about the pushback:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/65628>

Motorcycle helmets, open government among statehouse issues

Lumina News: Violations of public records and open meetings laws could be a misdemeanor crime under a bill sponsored by Sen. Thom Goolsby.

Read more:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/65939>

NC bill would make concealed handgun permit records private

WNCT: Do you have a right to know who owns a concealed weapon?

Read more about the bill:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/65943>

The gun debate: Lawmakers take first step in making gun owner information private in North Carolina

Port City Daily: A bill that would make concealed carry permit holder and pistol permit holder information private in North Carolina has made its way through the state House.

Read more about it:

www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/65945

Middlesex fee may violate records law:

Spring Hope Enterprise: A new fee adopted by the Middlesex Board of commissioners for extensive public records requests may violate the state's Public Records law, according to the North Carolina Press Association.

Read more about the Middlesex fee:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/65947>

Charlotte stadium deal results in lawsuit

NBCSports.com: In January, Charlotte City Council agreed in a closed session to support a tax increase that would pay for renovations at Bank of America Stadium.

Read more about the results:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/66143>

Former journalists head to court over open meetings

WBTV: By all appearances, it was a blast from the past because most of the plaintiffs in the case used to deliver the news on television in Charlotte.

Read more:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/66150>

Lawyer takes Charlotte to court over private Panthers dealing

Charlotte Observer: A Charlotte lawyer on Tuesday accused the Charlotte city council of violating North Carolina's open meetings law when it agreed in closed sessions in January to support a tax hike for renovating Bank of America Stadium.

Read more about the court case:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Article/66154>

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