

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 442 of 1976**

\*\*\*\*\* 15.240b.added THIS ADDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 \*\*\*\*\*

**15.240b.added Failure to comply with act; civil fine.**

Sec. 10b. If the court determines, in an action commenced under this act, that a public body willfully and intentionally failed to comply with this act or otherwise acted in bad faith, the court shall order the public body to pay, in addition to any other award or sanction, a civil fine of not less than \$2,500.00 or more than \$7,500.00 for each occurrence. In determining the amount of the civil fine, the court shall consider the budget of the public body and whether the public body has previously been assessed penalties for violations of this act. The civil fine shall be deposited in the general fund of the state treasury.

**History:** Add. 2014, Act 563, Eff. July 1, 2015.

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