Release of identifying information. Identifying information about complainants or witnesses shall not be subject to any method of legal compulsion, nor shall such information be revealed to the oversight board for children, youth, and families or the governor except under the following circumstances: (1) The complainant or witness waives confidentiality; (2) under a legislative subpoena when there is a legislative investigation for neglect of duty or misconduct by the ombuds or ombuds's office when the identifying information is necessary to the investigation of the ombuds's acts; or (3) under an investigation or inquiry by the governor as to neglect of duty or misconduct by the ombuds or ombuds's office when the identifying information is necessary to the investigation of the ombuds's acts.

For the purposes of this section, "identifying information" includes the complainant's or witness's name, location, telephone number, likeness, social security number or other identification number, or identification of immediate family members. [2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 § 813; 2013 c 23 § 76; 1998 c 288 § 2.]


Conflict with federal requirements—2017 3rd sp.s. c 6: See RCW 43.216.908.

Severability—Effective date—1998 c 288: See notes following RCW 43.06A.020.