



S.F. No. 631 – Inactive criminal investigative data

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Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Chapter 13, active criminal investigative data are classified as confidential data on individuals or protected nonpublic data not on individuals. Inactive criminal investigative data are classified as public data, except for certain limited circumstances.

Section 13.82, subdivision 7 provides that an investigation becomes inactive when any of the following occurs:

- (1) the law enforcement agency or prosecutor decides not to pursue the case;
- (2) upon the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations or 30 years after the commission of the offense, whichever occurs first; or
- (3) upon the exhaustion or expiration of all appeal rights by a defendant.

S.F. 631 modifies when a criminal investigation becomes inactive by decreasing the current law time period in section 13.82, subdivision 7, paragraph (b) from 30 years to 20 years.

