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Finland: Act on the Openness of Government Activities, 21.5.1999/621

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| **Brief description of the notified legal text**Act amending Section 33 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 7 August 2015, 2015/907, entry into force on 1 January 2016- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 33 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 33 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetAmendments concern rectifications of charges and appeals of decisions. |
| Act amending Section 11 and 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 12 June 2015, 2015/756, entry into force on 1 January 2016- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 11 ja 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 11 och 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetNew subparagraph 6a was added to section 11, subsection 2 and subparagraph 7 in the same section was amended. New subparagraph 6a was added to section 24 subsection 1. Amendments concern restraining party's right of access to documents and information concerning anonymous testifying.Act amending Section 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 10 April 2015, 2015/405, entry into force on 1 May 2015- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetSubparagraph 27 in Section 24, subsection 1 was amended. It states that documents concerning forensic psychiatric mental examination or certain sanction assessments and plans are secret official documents. Act amending Section 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 6 February 2015, 2015/91, entry into force on 1 March 2015- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetSubparagraph 28 in Section 24, subsection 1 was amended. Amendment that information contained in the register on witness protection programs and other information regarding a witness protection program are secret official documents.Act amending Section 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 12 December 2014, 2014/1067, entry into force on 1 January 2015- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetTechnical amendment to subparagraph 28 in Section 24, subsection 1. Amendment concern reference to Institute of Criminology and Legal Policy.Act amending Section 11 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 17 October 2014, 2014/825, entry into force on 1 December 2014- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 11 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 11 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetReference to Criminal Investigation Act was added to subsection 3 of the Section 11. Act amending Section 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 19 April 2013, 2013/302, entry into force on 1 May 2013- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetSubparagraph 28 in Section 24, subsection 1 was amended. It states that information collected by the Institute of Criminology and Legal Policy for research and follow-up purposes are secret official documents.Act amending the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 17 June 2011/701, entry into force on 1 October 2011- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetAmendment to Section 7, subsection 2 and to Section 11, subsection 2, subparagraph 6. Amendments concern when tenders, offers and other documents related to public procurement enter the public domain and party's right of accession to such documents. |
| Act amending Section 18 and 36 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 10 June 2011/635, entry into force on 1 September 2011- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 18 ja 36 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 18 och 36 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetSection 18, subsection 2 concerning information management was repealed. Section 36, subsection 1, subparagraph 6 concerning the power to issue decrees was amended.Act amending Section 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 20 May 2011, 2011/528, entry into force on 1 June 2011- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetAmendments to section 24, subsection 1, subparagraph 8 regulating the secrecy of documents concerning preparations for accidents and emergency conditions, civil defence and the investigation of accidents. Investigation of an exceptional event as regulated in chapter 5 of the Act on Safety Inspections (525/2011) was inserted in the paragraph 8.Act amending Sections 6 and 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 13 May 2011, 2011/458, entry into force on 17 May 2011- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 6 ja 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 6 och 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetTechnical amendments. Word "official" [prosecutor] was repealed from the Sections. Act amending Section 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 8 April 2011, 2011/333, entry into force on 1 November 2011- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetSection 24 regulating secret official documents was amended in order to cover documents containing information on the fulfilment of requisites of monitoring sentence as well as on the enforcement plan. Act amending Section 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted on 14 January 2011, 2011/22, entry into force on 1 June 2011- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetSection 24 regulating secret official documents was amended in order to cover information contained in the Register of Ban on the Keeping of Animals. Act amending Section 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted in 14 May 2010, 2010/374, entry into force on 1 December 2010- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetAmendment on the Section about secret documents in the possession of an authority concerning information about captives.Act amending Section 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted in 24 April 2009, 2009/274, entry into force on 1 May 2009- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetAmendment on the Section about secret documents in the possession of an authority concerning information about funding the elections. |
| Act amending Sections 11 and 24 of the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted in 15 June 2007, 2007/713, entry into force on 1 January 2008- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain 11 ja 24 §:n muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av 11 och 24 § i lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetAmendment restricting the concerned parties' right to access information concerning foreclosure of property and an amendment on an Section about secret documents in the possession of an authority concerning information about private person's yearly income.Act amending the Act on the Openness of Government Activities, adopted in 30 March 2007, 2007/385, entry into force on 1 October 2007- Laki viranomaisten toiminnan julkisuudesta annetun lain muuttamisesta- Lag om ändring av lagen om offentlighet i myndigheternas verksamhetAmendments on Sections on the concerned parties' right to access information concerning information about witnesses and the trial documents, on secret documents in the possession of an authority concerning personal information about the person who is accused of a crime and the appealing of the decisions of an authority in the matters of publicity of the documents.  |
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