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SENATE

BILL

AN ACT to amend the Freedom of Information Act,
Chap. 22:02

THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

Explanatory Note

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

The Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (“the Bill”) seeks to amend sections 7, 8 and 9 of the Freedom of Information Act, Chap. 22:02 (“the Act”) and regulation 3(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Publication of Arrangements) Regulations, Chap. 22:02.

Clause 1 would provide for the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 would amend sections 7(1)(a) and (b), 8(2)(a) and (b), and 9(2)(a) and (b) of the Act and regulation 3(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Publication of Arrangements) Regulations, Chap. 22:02, to remove the requirement for the publication in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago of a public authority’s annual public statements, and to replace it with a requirement for those statements to be published either in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago or on a publicly accessible website.

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[, 2026]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Freedom of Short title
Information (Amendment) Act, 2026.

2. (1) The Freedom of Information Act is amended
in—

(a) section 7(1) in—

- (i) paragraph (a), by deleting the words “in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago” and substituting the words “either in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago or on a publicly accessible website”; and
- (ii) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words “in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago” and substituting the words “either in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago or on a publicly accessible website,”;

(b) section 8(2) in—

- (i) paragraph (a)(ii), by deleting the words “in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago” and substituting the words “either in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago or on a publicly accessible website”; and
- (ii) paragraph (b), by deleting the words “in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago” and substituting the words “either in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago or on a publicly accessible website”; and

(c) section 9(2) in—

- (i) paragraph (a), by deleting the words “in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago” and substituting the words “either in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago or on a publicly accessible website”; and
- (ii) paragraph (b), by deleting the words “in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago” and substituting the words “either in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago or on a publicly accessible website”.

(2) Regulation 3(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Publication of Arrangements) Regulations is amended by deleting the words “in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago” and substituting the words “either in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago or on a publicly accessible website”.

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2026.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this day
of , 2026.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

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