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Subject:

From USA Today: Open-records request

Mr. Miller:

Pursuant to the applicable open-records law, I would like to obtain copies of the following:

**Records of any payment made to Eastern Illinois University by former football head coach Dino Babers – or by a third party, on Mr. Babers' behalf – in conjunction with the liquidated damages Mr. Babers owed the university for terminating his employment agreement in order to become Bowling Green University's football head coach. The damages to which Eastern Illinois was entitled are described in Section 7.2 of the employment agreement signed Jan. 3, 2012.

**Records showing Eastern Illinois University's agreement to waive all, or part, of the liquidated damages payment to which it was entitled from Mr. Babers.

**Records showing Eastern Illinois University's agreement to accept a form of consideration other than cash from Mr. Babers -- or from a third party on Mr. Babers' behalf -- as fulfillment of all, or part, of the liquidated damages to which Eastern Illinois was entitled under the circumstance described above.

I would like to receive the document(s) electronically at sberkowitz@usatoday.com

Please provide these records within the time allotted by relevant open-records law, provide an explanation of when the records will be provided or a statement of the statutory exception authorizing the withholding of all or parts of these records. Please include the name and title of the person responsible for the denial.

If the cost will be greater than \$20, please notify me in advance.

Thank you.

--Steve Berkowitz

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