

Committee on Rules

SB 7024 — Public Records/Victim of an Incident of Mass Violence

by Rules Committee

This bill makes exempt from public records disclosure the address of a victim of an incident of mass violence. An incident of mass violence is defined as an incident in which four or more people, not including the perpetrator, are severely injured or killed by an intentional and indiscriminate violent act. A victim is defined as a person killed or injured during the incident of mass violence.

Without the exemption, the media or others could invade the privacy of the victim or the victim's family and subject them to harassment and additional pain and suffering.

In the Open Government Sunset Review, the bill provides that the public records exemption stands repealed on October 2, 2023, unless the Legislature reviews and saves the exemption from repeal before that date.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 35-1; House 117-0