

Committee on Judiciary

HB 7047 — OGSR/Security Breach Information

by Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee and Rep. Good (SB 7008 by Judiciary Committee)

The bill is based on an Open Government Sunset Review of a public records exemption for information received by the Department of Legal Affairs following a data-security breach of a covered entity. Consistent with the review, the bill repeals the schedule repeal of the exemption.

The exemption was enacted as a companion bill to the Florida Information Protection Act of 2014, which requires covered entities to take reasonable steps to protect and secure personal information held in electronic form, such as social security numbers, driver license numbers, and medical information. However, if unauthorized access to the information of at least 500 people nonetheless occurs, the Act requires the covered entity involved to notify the Department.

The exemption serves to protect sensitive personal, corporate, and governmental information, as well as to ensure the integrity of an investigation of a security breach.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2019.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 114-0