

Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

CS/CS/CS/HB 1069 — Public Records/Department of Military Affairs

by State Affairs Committee; Government Operations Subcommittee; Local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and Representative Payne (CS/CS/SB 654 by Rules Committee; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee; and Senator Bradley)

This bill makes exempt from public disclosure information held by the Department of Military Affairs that is stored in a Department of Defense system of records, transmitted using a Department of Defense network or communications device, or that pertains to the Department of Defense pursuant to the federal military cybersecurity law of 10 U.S.C. s. 394.

The bill identifies as sensitive military information held by the Department of Military Affairs information on military missions, units, personnel, deployments, and troop concentration.

In the required public necessity statement, the bill provides as justification for the exemption that it is a public necessity that this information be made exempt from disclosure as national security and the safety of military members could otherwise be adversely affected.

The bill is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will repeal on October 2, 2026 unless the exemption is saved from repeal by the Legislature before that date.

The public records exemption applies retroactively.

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

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0