

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

SB 934 — Public Records/Homelessness Counts and Information Systems

by Senators Gruters and Perry

The bill makes confidential and exempt from public inspection and copying requirements individual identifying information of a person contained in a Point-In-Time Count and Survey or data in a Homeless Management Information System collected pursuant to federal law and regulations. “Individual identifying information” is defined as information that directly or indirectly identifies a specific person, or can be linked with other available information to identify a specific person.

The bill provides for retroactive application of the exemption to protect similar information collected prior to the bill becoming a law.

The bill does not prohibit the release of aggregate information from a Point-In-Time Count and Survey or data in a Homeless Management Information System that does not disclose individual identifying information of a person.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2027, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature. The bill also includes a public necessity statement for the exemption as required by law.

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

Vote: Senate 38-1; House 113-0