

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/SB 1616 — Public Records/Transportation and Protective Services

by Rules Committee and Senator Martin

The bill (Chapter 2023-58, L.O.F.) exempts from public records copying and inspection requirements those records held by a law enforcement agency relating to security and transportation services provided for the Governor, the Governor's immediate family, visiting governors and the governors' families, and other persons as requested by certain state officials, and the Governor's office and mansion. The exemption applies to records held by a law enforcement agency before, on, or after the bill becoming a law.

The bill makes findings, as required by the State Constitution, that the new exemption from public records disclosure is a public necessity.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

These provisions became law upon approval by the Governor on May 11, 2023.

Vote: Senate 28-12; House 84-31