

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

SB 7004 — OGSR/Applicants or Participants in Certain Federal, State, or Local Housing Assistance Programs

by Community Affairs Committee

The bill saves from repeal the public records exemption for applicants or participants in disaster-related housing assistance programs. Under current law, property photographs and personal identifying information of applicants or participants in federal, state, or local disaster housing assistance programs is confidential and exempt from public records inspection and copying requirements. The exemption applies to records held by the Department of Commerce, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, a county, a municipality, or a local housing finance agency.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will repeal on October 2, 2025, unless saved from repeal by the Legislature. The bill removes the scheduled repeal, thereby maintaining the confidential and exempt status of information of applicants or participants in certain disaster housing assistance programs.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 37-1; House 115-0