

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 7109 — OGSR/Lifeline Assistance Plan

by Government Operations Subcommittee and Rep. Mayfield (SB 2080 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee)

This bill is the result of the Open Government Sunset Review of the public records exemption for personal identifying information of Lifeline Assistance Plan participants held by the Public Service Commission.

Current law provides that personal identifying information of a participant in a telecommunication carrier's Lifeline Assistance Plan held by the Public Service Commission is confidential and exempt from disclosure under the public records requirements of s. 119.07(1), F.S., and Art. 1, s. 24(a), State Constitution. The exemption provides for limited circumstances of disclosure of the protected information by an officer or employee of the Public Service Commission or a telecommunications carrier. The exemption provides that any officer or employee of a telecommunications carrier who otherwise intentionally discloses the protected information commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in ss. 775.082 or 775.083, F.S.

This bill reenacts the public records exemption for personal identifying information of Lifeline Assistance Plan participants held by the Public Service Commission. The exemption is also amended to provide that an officer or employee of the Public Service Commission who intentionally discloses the exempt information commits a misdemeanor of the second degree.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0