

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: SB 186, 2nd Eng.
INTRODUCER: Senator Lee and others
SUBJECT: Public Records/Victim of Mass Violence
DATE: May 1, 2019

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 008047 (body)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 removes a sentence from the Senate bill that provides that, for purposes of the definition of “killing of a victim of mass violence,” the term “perpetrator” does not include a public official or a public employee acting within the scope of his or her duties or under color of office at the time of the killing. This was the only exception to the exemption in the Senate bill.

This amendment does not impact images, videos, etc., that depict events before the killings and those that occur after (unless showing the “body of the victim”), which will still be available to the public, unless covered by another public records exemption (e.g., active criminal investigation or building security). This amendment also does not impact a provision of the Senate bill which allows for a person to go to court and petition for the release of such exempted images, videos, etc.