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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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03/31/2021	.	
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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability
(Rodrigues) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 23 - 58

and insert:

1. Tax returns.

2. Credit history information, credit reports, and credit
scores.

(b) This subsection does not prohibit the disclosure of
information held by an economic development agency pursuant to
its administration of a small business loan program in an



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11 aggregated and anonymized format.

12 (c) This subsection is subject to the Open Government
13 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
14 repealed on October 2, 2026, unless reviewed and saved from
15 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

16 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
17 necessity that the tax returns and credit history information,
18 credit reports, and credit scores held by an economic
19 development agency pursuant to its administration of any state
20 or federally funded small business loan program be made exempt
21 from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of
22 the State Constitution. In order to assess the viability of
23 loans, an economic development agency may obtain sensitive
24 information of a borrower, including certain financial
25 information. If released, the sensitive information could be
26 used by fraudulent contractors, predatory lenders, thieves, or
27 individuals seeking to impose on the borrower. Therefore, it is
28 necessary that sensitive information held by an economic
29 development agency pursuant to its administration of any state
30 or federally funded small business loan program be protected to
31 ensure that borrowers are not harassed, intimidated, or
32 potentially defrauded. The Legislature finds the harm that may
33 result from the release of such sensitive information outweighs
34 the public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of
35 the information.