

HB 1473

2026

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to public records; amending s.  
943.03102, F.S.; providing an exemption from public  
records requirements for certain information relating  
to the designation of an organization as a domestic  
terrorist organization by the Chief of Domestic  
Security; providing for future legislative review and  
repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of  
public necessity; providing a contingent effective  
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 943.03102, Florida Statutes, as created by HB 1471, 2026 Regular Session, is amended to read:

943.03102 Designation of terrorist organizations.—

(2) (a)1. At least seven days before making a designation under subsection (1), the Chief of Domestic Security must provide written notice to the Cabinet of his or her intent to designate an organization as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization, which notice must be accompanied by written findings regarding the basis for such designation.

2. Any portion of the information provided under

26 subparagraph 1. which would reveal information critical to state  
27 or national security is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a),  
28 Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject  
29 to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s.  
30 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2031, unless  
31 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
32 Legislature.

33 **Section 2.** (1) Section 943.03102, Florida Statutes,  
34 requires the Chief of Domestic Security to provide written  
35 notice and findings to the Governor and Cabinet before  
36 designating an organization as a domestic terrorist  
37 organization. To allow the chief to fulfill his or her role in  
38 making such a designation, the chief must consult with local,  
39 state, and federal law enforcement agencies; counter-terrorism  
40 organizations; and national security organizations and receive  
41 national and domestic security information that is highly  
42 sensitive in nature. For purposes of public safety, the  
43 Legislature intends to keep such information confidential and  
44 exempt from disclosure.

45 (2) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity  
46 that any portion of information contained in the chief's written  
47 notice and findings provided to the Governor and Cabinet before  
48 designating an organization as a domestic terrorist organization  
49 which would reveal information critical to state or national  
50 security be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1),

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51     Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State  
52     Constitution.

53       **Section 3.** This act shall take effect on the same date  
54     that HB 1471 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
55     legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
56     extension thereof and becomes a law.