HB 7093 — Open Government Sunset Review/Domestic Security Oversight Council

by Governmental Affairs Policy Committee; and Rep. Mayfield (SB 618 by Military Affairs and Domestic Security Committee)

This bill reenacts the open meetings and open records exemption found in s. 943.0314, F.S., relating to the Domestic Security Oversight Council. The bill exempts active criminal investigation and active criminal intelligence information involving domestic security and terrorist activities from public disclosure.

The exemption authorizes the Council to go into closed session when it discusses active criminal or active intelligence information. However, the Council in closed session must record and maintain those records of the closed portion including time of commencement and termination of closed portions, all discussion and proceedings, and the names of persons present.

The records exemption terminates as soon as the investigative or intelligence information ceases to be active.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2010.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-0