

Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 469 — Public Records/Residential Facilities Serving Victims of Sexual Exploitation

by Rep. Spano and others (CS/SB 1110 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Flores)

This bill creates a public records exemption for the location information of a safe house, safe foster home, or other residential facility serving child victims of sexual exploitation. It also creates an exemption for the location information of a residential facility offering services for adult victims of human trafficking involving commercial sexual activity.

The exempted location information can be disclosed to an agency as necessary to maintain health and safety standards or to address emergency situations in the safe house or residential facility. The exemptions do not apply to facilities licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration.

The exemptions apply to information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption.

The bill provides for repeal of the exemptions on October 2, 2020, pursuant to the Open Government Sunset Review Act, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature. It also provides a statement of public necessity as required by the State Constitution.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 114-0