

Committee on Judiciary

SB 7016 — OGSR/Minor Identifying Information

by Judiciary Committee

The bill reenacts and continues an existing public record exemption. The exemption protects certain information that might be used to identify a minor petitioning for a judicial waiver of parental notice under the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. The exemption protects from disclosure any identifying information held by the office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel or the Justice Administrative Commission. These offices are in possession of the information when either the office of criminal conflict and civil regional counsel represents the minor in a court proceeding or the Justice Administrative Commission processes payments for a court-appointed private attorney who represents the minor.

It is essential that any identifying information of a minor held by either of these agencies be exempted from public disclosure or the Parental Notice of Abortion Act will not meet constitutional requirements as determined by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The original exemption was enacted in 2010 and is scheduled for repeal on October 2, 2015, unless saved through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0