

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2020 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 7015 — OGSR/Body Camera Recordings

by Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee and Rep. Shoaf (SB 7032 by Criminal Justice Committee)

The bill saves from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature a public records exemption in s. 119.071(2)(l), F.S., relating to certain body camera recordings. A body camera is a portable electronic recording device that is worn on a law enforcement officer's body and that records audio and video data in the course of the officer performing his or her official duties and responsibilities.

Section 119.071(2)(l), F.S., makes a body camera recording, or a portion thereof, confidential and exempt from public disclosure if the recording is taken:

- Within the interior of a private residence;
- Within the interior of a facility that offers health care, mental health care, or social services; or
- In a place that a reasonable person would expect to be private.

The public records exemption also specifies when a law enforcement agency may or must provide disclosure, and also provides for court-ordered disclosure and specifies grounds the court must consider in reaching its decision regarding disclosure.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 32-7; House 114-1