

Committee on Judiciary

CS/SB 50 — Public Records/Judicial Assistants

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Wright

The bill creates a public records exemption for current judicial assistants. Judicial assistants provide administrative, secretarial, organizational, and clerical support to judges in the county and circuit courts, district courts of appeal, and the Florida Supreme Court. As of December, 2022, there were 1,022 judicial assistants employed in the state courts.

The bill exempts from public disclosure the following information:

- A current judicial assistant's home address, date of birth, and telephone number.
- The names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of a current judicial assistant's spouse and children.
- The names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by a current judicial assistant's children.

This exemption applies to information held by an agency before, on, or after July 1, 2023.

These provisions are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless the provisions are reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 37-2; House 117-0