

Committee on Judiciary

CS/CS/HB 1473 — Pub. Rec./Terrorist Organizations

by Judiciary Committee; Government Operations Subcommittee; and Rep. Cassel and others (CS/CS/SB 1634 by Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Judiciary Committee; and Senator Grall)

The bill creates public records exceptions related to the designation of certain organizations as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization as provided in the related substantive bill, CS/CS/HB 1471.

The substantive bill requires the Chief of Domestic Security to provide written notice and findings to the Governor and Cabinet of his or her intent to designate an organization as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization. This bill exempts from public disclosure any portion of the information supporting the designation which would reveal information critical to state or national security.

The exemptions are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on the same date that CS/CS/HB 1471 takes effect and becomes law.

Vote: Senate 26-8; House 80-26