

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 467 — Public Records/Human Trafficking Victims

by Rep. Spano and others (CS/SB 1108 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Flores)

This bill expands the current public records exemption for certain criminal intelligence and criminal investigative information to include identifying information of a child victim of human trafficking for labor or services, as well as any victim of human trafficking for commercial sexual activity. The bill also creates a public record exemption for this newly described criminal intelligence or investigative information relating to human trafficking victims that is expunged or ordered expunged under s. 943.0583, F.S.

Such information is confidential and exempt from public record requirements, except that the information may be disclosed by a law enforcement agency as follows:

- In the furtherance of its official duties and responsibilities;
- For print, publication, or broadcast if the law enforcement agency determines that such release would assist in locating or identifying a person that such agency believes to be missing or endangered; or
- To another governmental agency in the furtherance of its official duties and responsibilities.

The exemption applies to information held by a law enforcement 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 39-0; House 114-0