

Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

CS/CS/CS/HB 185 — Public Records/Active Duty Servicemembers and Families

by Local and Federal Affairs Committee; Government Operations Subcommittee; Veteran and Military Affairs Subcommittee; and Rep. Gaetz and others (CS/CS/SB 674 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee; and Senators Evers, Soto and Altman)

The bill creates a public records exemption for certain identification and location information of current and former military servicemembers, including reservists and National Guard members, who have served since September 11, 2001, and their spouses and dependents. The information that is exempt includes:

- The home address, telephone number, and date of birth of a servicemember, and the telephone number associated with a servicemember's personal communication device;
- The home address, telephone number, date of birth, and place of employment of the spouse or dependent of a servicemember, and the telephone number associated with such spouse's or dependent's personal communication device; and
- The name and location of the school attended by the spouse, or the school or day care facility attended by a dependent, of a servicemember.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature. The bill contains a public necessity statement as required by the State Constitution.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 113-0