

Committee on Ethics and Elections

CS/HB 7023 — Public Records/Financial Disclosure

by State Affairs Committee; Public Integrity and Ethics Committee; and Rep. Altman (CS/SB 7042 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Ethics and Elections Committee)

The bill exempts from public inspection and copying secure login credentials held by the Commission on Ethics for the purpose of allowing access to the electronic filing system for financial disclosures created in CS/HB 7021, this bill's companion. The bill also exempts from public inspection and copying any information entered in the electronic filing system for purposes of financial disclosure until a disclosure of financial interests or statement of financial interests is submitted by the filer to the Commission on Ethics, or in the case of a candidate, filed with a qualifying officer.

The bill provides that the exemptions are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

The bill provides a statement of public necessity as required by the Florida Constitution.

The bill has no fiscal impact on state funds.

The bill's effective date is contingent upon, and concurrent with, passage of CS/HB 7021. CS/HB 7021 will take effect upon becoming a law, except for Section 2 of that bill, which becomes effective January 1, 2020.

Because the bill creates new public records exemptions, it required a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting in each house of the Legislature for final passage.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect on the same date that CS/HB 7021 takes effect, if such legislation becomes a law.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 117-0