

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/HB 379 — Public Records/Economic Development Agencies

by Government Operations Subcommittee and Rep. Giallombardo (CS/SB 968 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Gainer)

The bill creates a public records exemption for tax returns, financial information, credit history information, credit reports, and credit scores held by an economic development agency pursuant to its administration of a state or federally funded small business loan program. The bill provides for the automatic repeal of the public records exemption on October 2, 2026, unless reenacted by the Legislature under the Open Government Sunset Review Act.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 39-1; House 102-13