THE FLORIDA SENATE 2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Governmental Oversight And Accountability

SB 7074 — Public Records/Social Media Platform Activities

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee

The bill makes confidential and exempt from public records copying and inspection requirements information received by the Attorney General in an investigation into whether a social media platform has committed an antitrust violation based on a case brought by a governmental entity; or failed to meet certain requirements before restricting a user's speech. All such information remains confidential and exempt during the active investigation. Once the investigation ceases to be active, the following information remains confidential and exempt:

- All information to which another public records exemption applies;
- Personal identifying information;
- A computer forensic report;
- Information that would otherwise reveal weaknesses in a business's data security; and
- Proprietary business information.

This public records exemption expires October 2, 2026, unless saved from repeal by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, and if SB 7072 becomes law, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 27-13; House 79-39

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