

Committee on Banking and Insurance

HB 7007 — OGSR/Security and Firesafety Plans

by Ethics, Elections and Open Government Subcommittee and Rep. Jacques (CS/SB 7040 by Rules Committee and Banking and Insurance Committee)

The bill saves from repeal the current public records exemptions for security or firesafety systems or plans for any state owned or leased buildings and any privately owned or leased property and information relating to such systems or plans that are held by a state agency. The bill also saves from repeal the current public meetings exemptions for any portion of a meeting that would reveal security or firesafety systems or plans that are exempt from public records requirements. The bill repeals a duplicative public record and public meeting exemption for security or firesafety system plans and related information.

The exemptions are necessitated because it is believed that disclosure of sensitive information relating to the security or firesafety systems or plans could result in identification of vulnerabilities in such systems and allow a security breach that could damage the systems and disrupt their safe and reliable operation.

The Open Government Sunset Review Act requires the Legislature to review each public record and public meeting exemption five years after enactment. These exemptions are scheduled to repeal on October 2, 2023. The bill removes the scheduled repeals to continue the exempt status.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0