

Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

SB 7000 — OGSR/Current and Former Public Guardians

by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee

The bill saves from repeal the current public records exemption in s. 744.21031, F.S., by maintaining certain provisions of the exemption as in current law and narrowing the exemption by allowing certain information that is currently exempt to become available for public disclosure. Specifically, the bill continues the exemptions from public disclosure for certain identifying and location information held by an agency pertaining to:

- Current and former public guardians;
- Employees with fiduciary responsibility; and
- Spouses and children of current and former public guardians and employees with fiduciary responsibility.

The bill expands public access to information by removing the exempt status of photographs of current public guardians. The bill also removes the exempt status of places of employment of current or former public guardians, current or former employees with fiduciary duty, and the spouses and children of such persons.

The public records exemption stands repealed on October 2, 2023, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature under the Open Government Sunset Review Act. The bill removes the scheduled repeal of the exemption to continue exempt status of the information.

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 117-0