

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RS 04/11/2023 House

The Committee on Rules (Martin) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 943.68, Florida Statutes, and subsections (1), (5), and (6) of that section are republished, to read:

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943.68 Transportation and protective services.-

9 (1) The department shall provide and maintain the security
10 of the Governor, the Governor's immediate family, and the
11 Governor's office and mansion and the grounds thereof.

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12 (5) The department is authorized to provide security or 13 transportation to visiting governors and their families upon 14 request by the Governor.

15 (6) The department shall provide security or transportation 16 services to other persons when requested by the Governor, the 17 Lieutenant Governor, a member of the Cabinet, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, or the 18 19 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, subject to certification by 20 the requesting party that such services are in the best interest 21 of the state. The requesting party may delegate certification 22 authority to the executive director of the department. The 23 requesting party shall limit such services to persons:

(a) Who are visiting the state; for whom such services are requested by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, a member of the Cabinet, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and for whom the primary purpose of the visit is for a significant public purpose; or

(b) For whom the failure to provide security or transportation could result in a clear and present danger to the personal safety of such persons or to the safety of other persons or property within this state or could result in public embarrassment to the state.

(10) (a) Records held by a law enforcement agency relating to security or transportation services provided under subsection (1), subsection (5), or subsection (6) are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption applies to records held by a law enforcement agency before, on, or after the effective date of this act.

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41 (b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government 42 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from 43 44 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. 45 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public 46 necessity that records held by a law enforcement agency relating 47 to security or transportation services provided under s. 943.68(1), (5), or (6), Florida Statutes, be made exempt from s. 48 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the 49 50 State Constitution. Information obtained by a law enforcement 51 agency authorized by law to provide security or transportation 52 services to persons, including the Governor, the Governor's 53 immediate family, visiting governors and their families, the Lieutenant Governor, a member of the Cabinet, the Speaker of the 54 55 House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, or the 56 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or for persons for whom such 57 services are requested by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, 58 a member of the Cabinet, the Speaker of the House of 59 Representatives, the President of the Senate, or the Chief 60 Justice of the Supreme Court, the disclosure of which could 61 endanger the protected person, should not be disclosed to the public. The disclosure of such records, including security, 62 63 operational, and logistical plans; risk, vulnerability, and threat assessments; travel information relating to the protected 64 65 person and law enforcement agents and personnel providing the 66 security or transportation services; and identifying information 67 of sworn and nonsworn personnel engaged in a security or 68 transportation services operation or detail could reveal the 69 means and methods of providing the required security or

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70	transportation services and could impair the ability of the law
71	enforcement agency to ensure the safety and security of the
72	protected person. The disclosure of such records could also
73	endanger the law enforcement agents and personnel providing the
74	security or transportation services. The Legislature finds that
75	the safety and security of persons authorized protection under
76	s. 943.68(1), (5), or (6), Florida Statutes, as well as the
77	safety and security of law enforcement agents and personnel
78	providing the security or transportation services, outweigh any
79	public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of such
80	records. Therefore, it is a public necessity that records held
81	by a law enforcement agency relating to security or
82	transportation services provided under s. 943.68(1), (5), or
83	(6), Florida Statutes, be made exempt from public records
84	requirements.
85	Section 3. The Division of Law Revision is directed to
86	replace the phrase "the effective date of this act" wherever it
87	occurs in this act with the date this act becomes a law.
88	Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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90	=========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =================================
91	And the title is amended as follows:
92	Delete everything before the enacting clause
93	and insert:
94	A bill to be entitled
95	An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.68,
96	F.S.; providing an exemption from public records
97	requirements for records held by a law enforcement
98	agency relating to certain security or transportation

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99 services; providing for retroactive application; 100 providing for legislative review and repeal of the 101 exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; 102 providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; 103 providing an effective date.