

Committee on Education Pre-K-12

CS/CS/HB 1509 — Pub. Rec./School Guardians

by State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Rep. Trabulsy and others (CS/SB 7056 by Rules Committee; Education Pre-K-12 Committee; and Senator Calatayud)

The bill creates an exemption from public records requirements for any information held by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) or a law enforcement agency, school district, or charter school and reported to the FDLE that would identify whether an individual has been certified to serve as a school guardian.

The bill provides that the public record exemption is a public necessity because disclosure of the identity of a school guardian could affect his or her ability to adequately respond to an active assailant situation.

The public records exemption established in the bill is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stands repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on the same date that CS/CS/HB 1509 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in this legislative session and becomes law.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 111-0