

HB 1997 -- Law Enforcement Safety Act

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This bill establishes the Law Enforcement Safety Act which allows records and documents regarding internal investigations by a law enforcement agency on the fitness and conduct of an officer employed by the agency used solely for employment matters of the officer to remain confidential unless the records and documents are used in a criminal investigation.

The Social Security number, date of birth, address, or any other personal identifier of a law enforcement officer must be removed from any criminal case record in which the officer is not the defendant before the record is made available to the public unless the court determines that disclosures will not harm the officer or the officer's family. If a disclosure results in physical or financial harm to an officer or his or her family, the person disclosing the information will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for the first offense and a class D felony for each subsequent offense.

Expiration dates are extended for an additional four years for law enforcement related exceptions to the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law.