

CHAPTER 2024-24

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 7006

An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 119.0713, F.S., which provides exemptions from public record requirements for information related to the security of certain technology, processes, practices, information technology systems, industrial control technology systems, and customer meter-derived data and billing information held by a utility owned or operated by a unit of local government; extending the date of scheduled repeal of public record exemptions relating to the security of certain technology, processes, practices, information technology systems, and industrial control technology systems; removing the scheduled repeal of the public record exemption related to customer meter-derived data and billing information; amending s. 286.0113, F.S., which provides an exemption from public meeting requirements for meetings held by a utility owned or operated by a unit of local government which would reveal certain information; extending the date of scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 119.0713, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

119.0713 Local government agency exemptions from inspection or copying of public records.—

(5)(a) The following information held by a utility owned or operated by a unit of local government is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

1. Information related to the security of the technology, processes, or practices of a utility owned or operated by a unit of local government that are designed to protect the utility's networks, computers, programs, and data from attack, damage, or unauthorized access, which information, if disclosed, would facilitate the alteration, disclosure, or destruction of such data or information technology resources.

2. Information related to the security of existing or proposed information technology systems or industrial control technology systems of a utility owned or operated by a unit of local government, which, if disclosed, would facilitate unauthorized access to, and alteration or destruction of, such systems in a manner that would adversely impact the safe and reliable operation of the systems and the utility.

3. Customer meter-derived data and billing information in increments less than one billing cycle.

(b) This exemption applies to such information held by a utility owned or operated by a unit of local government before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

(c) ~~Subparagraphs (a)1. and 2. are~~ This subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2027 ~~2024~~, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 286.0113, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

286.0113 General exemptions from public meetings.—

(3)(a) That portion of a meeting held by a utility owned or operated by a unit of local government which would reveal information that is exempt under s. 119.0713(5) is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution. All exempt portions of such a meeting must be recorded and transcribed. The recording and transcript of the meeting are exempt from disclosure under s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution unless a court of competent jurisdiction, following an in camera review, determines that the meeting was not restricted to the discussion of data and information made exempt by this section. In the event of such a judicial determination, only the portion of the recording or transcript which reveals nonexempt data and information may be disclosed to a third party.

(b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2027 ~~2024~~, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 2024.

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