

CHAPTER 2026-29

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1473

An act relating to public records; amending s. 943.03102, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain information relating to the designation of an organization as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization by the Chief of Domestic Security; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (2) of section 943.03102, Florida Statutes, as created by HB 1471, 2026 Regular Session, to read:

943.03102 Designation of terrorist organizations.—

(g) Any portion of the information provided under this subsection by the Chief of Domestic Security to the Governor and Cabinet which would reveal information critical to state or national security is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. (1) Section 943.03102, Florida Statutes, requires the Chief of Domestic Security to provide written notice and findings to the Governor and Cabinet before designating an organization as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization. To allow the chief to fulfill his or her role in making such a designation, the chief must consult with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies; counter-terrorism organizations; and national security organizations and receive national and domestic security information that is highly sensitive in nature. For purposes of public safety, the Legislature intends to keep such information exempt from disclosure.

(2) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that any portion of information contained in the chief's written notice and findings provided to the Governor and Cabinet before designating an organization as a domestic terrorist organization or a foreign terrorist organization which would reveal information critical to state or national security be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution.

Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that HB 1471 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

Approved by the Governor April 6, 2026.

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