

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed |
| Vote: | 6 - 2 - 2 |
| Yeas: | Hicks, Schaufler, Wand, Whisnant, Barker, Krieger |
| Nays: | Nolan, Tomei |
| Exc.: | Garrett, Olson |
| Prepared By: | Cheyenne Ross, Counsel |
| Meeting Dates: | 5/11, 5/31 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts records of individuals and their family members who seek assistance from domestic violence services providers from disclosure as public records. Exempts information regarding applicants for and holders of licenses to carry concealed handguns from disclosure as public records unless made with subject consent, between public bodies for criminal justice purpose, or pursuant to court order. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Outsourcing and partnerships to save money and meet service needs
- Lack of confidentiality inhibits provision and effectiveness of services

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Exempts information regarding applicants for and holders of licenses to carry concealed handguns from disclosure as public records unless made with subject consent, between public bodies for criminal justice purpose, or pursuant to court order.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 347 B touches on two unrelated areas where confidentiality of records is sought. Records maintained by domestic violence service providers, resource centers or shelters that are operated by or in partnership with a public entity are subject to disclosure as public records, as is identifying information provided by those who hold or who apply for a concealed handgun license. Senate Bill 347 B allows such records to be kept confidential.