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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 19-30—SB 702

Public Safety and Security Committee

Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCY RECORDS BETWEEN AGENCIES**

SUMMARY: Under this act, when a law enforcement agency discloses certain criminal investigation records to another law enforcement agency that is authorized to receive them, the agency that made the disclosure is exempt from liability for any further disclosure the receiving agency makes.

The act applies to records that law enforcement agencies compile in connection with the detection or investigation of a crime and that the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) exempts from mandatory disclosure when disclosure is not in the public interest because it would reveal:

1. the identity of informants or witnesses not otherwise known whose safety would be endangered or who would be subject to threat or intimidation if their identity was made known;
2. the identity of witnesses who are minors;
3. witnesses' signed statements;
4. information to be used in a prospective law enforcement action if prejudicial to the action;
5. investigatory techniques not otherwise known to the general public;
6. juvenile arrest records, including any associated investigatory files;
7. the name and address of the victim of (a) certain sexual assault crimes, (b) voyeurism, (c) injury or risk of injury to a child, or (d) an attempt to commit one of these crimes (see BACKGROUND); or
8. uncorroborated allegations in records subject to destruction (CGS § 1-210(b)(3)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

BACKGROUND

Related Act

PA 19-43 § 1 expands the above FOIA exemption to include the name and address of victims of family violence or attempted family violence.