OLR Bill Analysis
SB 702

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

SUMMARY

This bill exempts from liability a law enforcement agency that discloses certain criminal investigation records to another law enforcement agency that is authorized to receive them, if the receiving agency further discloses the records.

The bill 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 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) sexual assault, (b) voyeurism, or (c) injury as a child, or of an attempt thereof; or
8. uncorroborated allegations in records subject to destruction (CGS § 1-210(b)(3)).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION
Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/19/2019)