OLR Bill Analysis
SB 1105

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS CONCERNING VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.

SUMMARY

This bill makes certain victims’ identifying information included in law enforcement investigation and arrest records exempt from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) public disclosure requirements. Current law exempts a law enforcement agency from disclosing a victim’s name and address in any detection or investigation records of the following crimes or attempted crimes: (1) sexual assault; (2) voyeurism; and (3) injury, risk of injury, or impairing morals. The bill expands this disclosure exemption to include victims of family violence or attempted family violence.

Current law limits law enforcement agencies’ redaction of certain arrest records to witnesses’ identities and any information about a crime’s commission deemed prejudicial or sealed by court-order. The bill further allows agencies to redact from arrest records the name, address, or other identifying information of any victim of the following crimes or attempted crimes: (1) sexual assault; (2) voyeurism; (3) injury, risk of injury, or impairing of morals; and (4) family violence.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION
Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/29/2019)