

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5014

As of January 21, 2009

Title: An act relating to exempting special commitment center and private detention facility security information from disclosure under the public records act.

Brief Description: Concerning the exemption of the special commitment center under the public records act.

Sponsors: Senators McAuliffe, Hargrove, Brandland and Stevens; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 1/20/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

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Background: The public disclosure law exempts from disclosure portions of records containing specific and unique vulnerability assessments, emergency plans, and escape response plans at a city, county, or state adult or juvenile correctional facility. To be exempt, the disclosure must pose a substantial likelihood that the safety of the correctional facility or any individual would be threatened.

Summary of Bill: Records containing specific and unique vulnerability assessments, emergency plans, or escape response plans at the Special Commitment Center (SCC) are exempt from public disclosure as long as the disclosure of these records would pose a substantial likelihood that, if disclosed, the safety of the SCC or any individual would be threatened.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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