

HB 492 -- Open Meetings and Records Law

Sponsor: Roorda

This bill changes the laws regarding the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Adds to the list of records that can be closed any record or document regarding internal investigations by law enforcement agencies into the fitness and conduct of a law enforcement officer and any record or document regarding a law enforcement officer's employment status;

(2) Adds to the list of records that can be closed any record or document regarding a police shooting if it contains the name of the officer who did the shooting unless the officer has been charged with a crime as a result of the shooting; and

(3) Prohibits any law enforcement agency from disclosing the name of any officer who was the shooter or one of the shooters involved in a police shooting unless the officer has been charged with a crime as a result of the shooting.