STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The proposed legislation allows certain records related to unlawful detainers to be shielded from public viewing where the unlawful detainer is dismissed. Records will be shielded automatically by the Court three years after the unlawful detainer is filed, as long as the case does not have a pending appeal. Shielding will make records unavailable for public viewing, and the procedures for shielding will be determined by the courts and the capabilities of their record-keeping system. Court staff or the parties involved in the unlawful detainer may access records at any time.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no fiscal impact, since setting up the process for shielding unlawful detainer records from public disclosure will require the court to shift resources and time for staff one-time, after which the shielding process will be self-sustaining through technological processes.

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