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SUMMARY

- Enacts the Super Bowl Entourage Expense Act.
- Makes a public record any document detailing expenses related to trips by the Governor, and anyone accompanying the Governor, to attend any entertainment or sporting event.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Public records – trips by the Governor

The bill enacts the “Super Bowl Entourage Expense Act,” which provides that documents detailing expenses related to trips by the Governor, and anyone accompanying the Governor, to attend any entertainment or sporting event, are public records. Under continuing law, a public office, upon request, must promptly prepare public records, make them available for inspection, and provide copies at cost.

Under the bill, these documents, including security records, are public records notwithstanding provisions in the Public Records Law that otherwise would exclude them from being public records. Under continuing law, a security record includes “any record that contains information directly used for protecting or maintaining the security of a public office against attack, interference, or sabotage”¹ Therefore, under the bill, documents detailing expenses related to trips by the Governor, and anyone accompanying the Governor, to attend any entertainment or sporting event are subject to disclosure as a public record.

¹ R.C. 107.72 and Section 2 of the bill; R.C. 149.43 and 149.433, not in the bill.

HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	04-30-24
