THE FLORIDA SENATE 2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED Committee on Transportation

CS/HB 379 — Public Records/Financial Information Regarding Competitive Bidding

by Transportation & Modals Subcommittee and Rep. Truenow and others (CS/SB 320 by Transportation Committee and Senator Wright)

The bill expands on an existing public records exemption for financial statements required when responding to a solicitation for a road or any other public works project. The bill exempts from public disclosure any other financial information necessary which an agency requires a prospective bidder to submit to verify its financial adequacy.

The bill makes findings, as required by the Florida Constitution, that the new exemption from public records disclosure is a public necessity.

The bill is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stands repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024. *Vote: Senate 38-2; House 118-0*