

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

SB 7032 — Public Records/Reports of a Deceased Child

by Health Policy Committee

The bill reenacts and amends the public records and public meetings exemptions for certain identifying information held by the State Child Abuse Death Review Committee or a local child abuse death review committee and for portions of meetings of such committees where such information is discussed. The changes to the exemptions reflect changes to the child welfare laws enacted during the 2014 Session. Specifically, the bill extends the exemption to cases reviewed by a committee where the death was determined not to be the result of abuse or neglect and limits the exemption for cases involving verified abuse or neglect to only exempt the information of surviving siblings. The bill also authorizes release of confidential information to a governmental agency in furtherance of its duties or a person or entity for research or statistical purposes.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

The bill contains a public necessity statement as required by the Florida Constitution.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 116-0