THE FLORIDA SENATE 2011 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/SB 1970 — Public Records/OPPAGA

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Thrasher

The Auditor General, of which the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) was a unit, has a public-records exemption for audit workpapers and notes.

Because chapter 2011-34, Laws of Florida, established OPPAGA as an entity separate from the Auditor General, this bill creates a public-records exemption for work papers held by OPPAGA which relate to an authorized project or a research product. The exemption applies to work papers held by OPPAGA before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and took effect May 5, 2011. *Vote: Senate 39-0; House 110-6*

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