

Committee on Education

CS/CS/HB 501 — Pub. Rec. and Meetings/Information Technology/Postsecondary Education Institutions

by Education Committee; Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee; and Reps. Leek, Silvers and others (CS/CS/SB 110 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; Education Committee; and Senators Brandes and Rouson)

The bill creates a new public records and meetings exemption for records of state universities and Florida College System (FCS) institutions pertaining to Information Technology (IT) security systems if the disclosure of such records would facilitate unauthorized access to, or unauthorized modification, disclosure, or destruction of data, information, or IT resources.

Specifically, the bill:

- Exempts from public records laws data or information from technology systems owned by, under contract, or maintained by a state university or FCS institution.
- Exempts from public meetings laws portions of public meetings that may reveal data or information from technology systems owned, contracted, or maintained by a state university or an FCS institution.
- Requires an exempt portion of a public meeting to be recorded and transcribed but specifies such recording and transcript must be exempt from disclosure, unless a court determines that the meeting was not restricted to discussion of confidential and exempt data.
- Specifies the entities to whom exempt records must be provided.

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

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 112-0