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HB 1515 Signed Into Law

Tallahassee, FL – Last week, Governor DeSantis signed HB 1515 – Public Records/Uterine Fibroid Research Database into law.

Sponsored by **Representative Lisa Dunkley** in the House and carried in the Senate by **Senator Barbara Sharief (D-Davie)**, this legislation protects the privacy of women participating in Florida’s Uterine Fibroid Research Database by making their records confidential, exempting them from public record disclosure requirements.

“Research plays a critical role in improving health outcomes, but that research must be conducted in a way that respects and protects patient privacy,” said **Senator Sharief**. “This legislation helps create a secure foundation for Florida’s Uterine Fibroid Research Database. By protecting sensitive personal information, we encourage participation in research that may lead to earlier diagnoses, improved treatments, and better health outcomes.”

Representative Dunkley added:

“Florida is taking an important step forward in prioritizing women’s health and expanding access to better healthcare outcomes for women across our state. HB 327 establishes the Uterine Fibroids Research Database to strengthen research, improve early detection and treatment options, and help address the disparities that have impacted far too many women for generations. HB 1515 will protect personal information that is entered into the database.

“I am proud to have sponsored this legislation alongside Representative Susan Valdés and Senator Barbara Sharief to ensure women and families have access to better information, better care, and a stronger healthcare future in Florida.”

HB 1515 takes effect on July 1, 2026.

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