

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

CS/SB 144 — Public Records/Impaired Practitioner Consultants

by Health Policy Committee and Senator Bean

The bill (Chapter 2015-37, L.O.F.) proposes to enhance the safety of impaired practitioner consultants and specified employees, and the spouses and children of both, by creating a public records exemption for certain personal identification and location information. The impaired practitioner program assists the Department of Health and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation in determining whether licensees who have experienced a substance abuse or mental or physical health impairment are safe to practice. Currently, there are two impaired practitioner consultants who are retained by the Department of Health and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to provide services.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.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 118-0