

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/CS/HB 1201 — Department of Corrections

by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Gonzalez (CS/CS/SB 1604 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senator Bracy)

The bill authorizes the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, when conducting an investigation or assisting in the investigation of an injury to or death of an inmate under the custody or control of the Department of Corrections (DOC), to serve a demand for production of the inmate's protected health information, medical records, or mental health records on the DOC.

The bill also makes the following changes:

- Revises the duties of the security review committee and the Secretary of Corrections;
- Authorizes the DOC to receive documents electronically for inmate admission;
- Allows all inmates who are recommended and otherwise eligible to be granted a one-time award of 60 additional days of incentive gain-time;
- Revises training requirements for prisoner transport company employees;
- Exempts employees of contracted community correctional centers from health testing regulations for administering urine screen drug tests on inmates and releasees; and
- Aligns the age limits for housing youthful offenders with the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act by reducing the maximum age from 19 to 18 years of age when designating separate institutions and programs for youthful offenders, and makes conforming changes.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 117-0