

By the Committee on Crime & Punishment and Representative Ball

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to compelled testimony;
creating s. 112.3232, F.S.; authorizing the
Commission on Ethics to seek immunity for
certain witnesses; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 112.3232, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

112.3232 Compelled testimony.--If any person called to
give evidence in a commission proceeding shall refuse to give
evidence because of a claim of possible self-incrimination,
the commission, with the written authorization of the
appropriate state attorney, may apply to the chief judge of
the appropriate judicial circuit for a judicial grant of
immunity ordering the testimony or other evidence of such
person notwithstanding his or her objection, but in such case
no testimony or other information compelled under the order,
or any information directly or indirectly derived from such
testimony or other information compelled under the order, may
be used against the witness in any criminal prosecution or
commission proceeding.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Authorizes the Commission on Ethics to apply to the chief
judge for a judicial grant of immunity ordering testimony
when a witness refuses to testify because of a claim of
self-incrimination, under described circumstances. See
bill for details.