By the Committee on Education; and Senator Villalobos

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; reenacting and amending section 240.213(4), F.S.; providing that self-insurance programs adopted by the university or college boards of trustees may not sue or be sued and their claims files are exempt from public-disclosure requirements; reenacting and amending s. 240.237, F.S.; providing that certain university and college student records as prescribed by the university and college board of trustees are exempt from public-disclosure requirements; reenacting and amending s. 240.241(2), F.S.; providing that certain records of a division of sponsored research are exempt from public-disclosure requirements; reenacting and amending s. 240.253, F.S.; providing that university and college boards of trustees adopt rules relating to employee records; providing that certain university and college employee records are exempt from public-disclosure requirements; reenacting and amending s. 240.299(5), F.S.; providing that the State Board of Education receive an annual audit report; providing that the State Board of Education may request certain records; providing that the State Board of Education and the university and college boards of trustees may request supplemental data; providing that certain organization records and donor identities are exempt from

1 public-disclosure requirements; reenacting and amending s. 240.2996, F.S.; providing that 2 3 certain records of the university and college health services support organizations are 4 5 exempt from public-disclosure requirements; 6 conforming references to the Secretary of State 7 to the custodian of state records; providing 8 that certain meetings of university and college 9 health services support organizations are 10 exempt from public-meetings requirements; 11 reenacting and amending s. 240.323, F.S.; providing that the State Board of Education 12 13 adopt rules relating to student records; providing that certain community college 14 student records are exempt from 15 public-disclosure requirements; reenacting and 16 17 amending s. 240.331(6), F.S.; providing for receipt of audit report by State Board of 18 19 Education; providing that certain community 20 college direct support organization records are exempt from public-disclosure requirements; 21 reenacting s. 240.3315(6), F.S., relating to 22 exemptions for certain donor identities from 23 24 public-disclosure requirements; reenacting and 25 amending s. 240.337, F.S.; providing that the State Board of Education adopt rules relating 26 27 to employee records; providing that certain 28 community college employee records are exempt 29 from public-disclosure requirements; reenacting 30 and amending s. 240.512(8) and (9), F.S.; 31 providing that the State Board of Education

1 must be given access to all proprietary 2 confidential business information; providing 3 certain records and meetings of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute 4 5 and its not-for-profit subsidiaries are exempt 6 from public-disclosure and public-meetings 7 requirements; reenacting and amending s. 240.551(14) and (22)(c), F.S.; relating to an 8 9 exemption for identities of certain purchasers, 10 beneficiaries, and donors, and their account 11 records from public-disclosure requirements; reenacting s. 240.554, F.S., relating to 12 13 exemptions from public-disclosure requirements for certain account information of the Florida 14 15 College Savings Program; reenacting and amending s. 240.711(2)(h), F.S.; conforming a 16 17 cross-reference; providing for exemption from public-disclosure requirements for certain 18 19 donor identities; creating s. 246.1112, F.S.; 20 providing an exemption for complaints and information obtained in an investigation from 21 public-disclosure requirements for a specified 22 period after a finding of probable cause; 23 24 providing that certain panel proceedings are 25 exempt from public-meetings requirements until the panel declares a finding of probable cause; 26 27 providing findings of public necessity; 28 providing an effective date. 29 30 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

 Section 1. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, subsection (4) of section 240.213, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that subsection is reenacted and amended to read:

240.213 Board authorized to secure liability insurance.--

(4) No self-insurance program adopted by the university or college board of trustees Board of Regents may sue or be sued. The Board of Regents shall pay, out of the assets of a trust fund established pursuant to this section, any claim or judgment for which the self-insurance trust funds were created and which is rendered against the board. The claims files of any such program are privileged and confidential, exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, and are only for the use of the program in fulfilling its duties. Any self-insurance trust fund and revenues generated by that fund shall only be used to pay claims and administration expenses.

Section 2. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, section 240.237, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that section is reenacted and amended to read:

boards of trustees may prescribe the content and custody of records and reports which the university or college may maintain on its students. Such records are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, and are open to inspection only as provided in s. 228.093.

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Section 3. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3
of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, subsection (2) of
section 240.241, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January
7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that subsection is
reenacted and amended to read:
240.241 Divisions of sponsored research at state

240.241 Divisions of sponsored research at state universities.--

(2) The university shall set such policies to regulate the activities of the divisions of sponsored research as it may consider necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act and to administer the research programs in a manner which assures efficiency and effectiveness, producing the maximum benefit for the educational programs and maximum service to the state. To this end, materials that relate to methods of manufacture or production, potential trade secrets, potentially patentable material, actual trade secrets, business transactions, or proprietary information received, generated, ascertained, or discovered during the course of research conducted within the state universities shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except that a division of sponsored research shall make available upon request the title and description of a research project, the name of the researcher, and the amount and source of funding provided for such project.

Section 4. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, section 240.253, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that section is reenacted and amended to read:

240.253 Personnel records.--

- (1) Each university <u>and college board of trustees</u> shall adopt rules prescribing the content and custody of limited-access records that the university <u>or college</u> may maintain on its employees. Such limited-access records are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) <u>and s. 24(a)</u>, Art. I of the State Constitution. Such records are limited to the following:
- (a) Records containing information reflecting academic evaluations of employee performance shall be open to inspection only by the employee and by officials of the university or college responsible for supervision of the employee.
- (b) Records maintained for the purposes of any investigation of employee misconduct, including but not limited to a complaint against an employee and all information obtained pursuant to the investigation of such complaint, shall be confidential until the investigation ceases to be active or until the university or college provides written notice to the employee who is the subject of the complaint that the university or college has either:
- 1. Concluded the investigation with a finding not to proceed with disciplinary action;
- 2. Concluded the investigation with a finding to proceed with disciplinary action; or
 - 3. Issued a letter of discipline.

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For the purpose of this paragraph, an investigation shall be considered active as long as it is continuing with a reasonable, good-faith good faith anticipation that a finding will be made in the foreseeable future. An investigation

shall be presumed to be inactive if no finding is made within 90 days after the complaint is filed.

- (c) Records maintained for the purposes of any disciplinary proceeding brought against an employee shall be confidential until a final decision is made in the proceeding. The record of any disciplinary proceeding, including any evidence presented, shall be open to inspection by the employee at all times.
- (d) Records maintained for the purposes of any grievance proceeding brought by an employee for enforcement of a collective bargaining agreement or contract shall be confidential and shall be open to inspection only by the employee and by officials of the university or college conducting the grievance proceeding until a final decision is made in the proceeding.
- (2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any records or portions thereof which are otherwise confidential by law shall continue to be exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. In addition, for sexual harassment investigations, portions of such records which identify the complainant, a witness, or information which could reasonably lead to the identification of the complainant or a witness are limited-access records.
- (3) Except as required for use by the president in the discharge of his or her official responsibilities, the custodian of limited-access records may release information from such records only upon authorization in writing from the employee or upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction.
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30 31 State University System Student Assessment of Instruction instrument may not be prescribed as limited-access records.

(5) This act shall apply to records created after July 1, 1995.

Section 5. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, subsection (5) of section 240.299, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that subsection is reenacted and amended to read:

240.299 Direct-support organizations; use of property; board of directors; activities; audit; facilities.--

(5) ANNUAL AUDIT. -- Each direct-support organization shall provide for an annual financial audit of its accounts and records to be conducted by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor General pursuant to s. 11.45(8) and by the Board of Regents. The annual audit report shall be submitted, within 9 months after the end of the fiscal year, to the Auditor General and the State Board of Education Board of Regents for review. State Board of Education, the university and college boards of trustees Board of Regents, the Auditor General, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall have the authority to require and receive from the organization or from its independent auditor any records relative to the operation of the organization. The identity of donors who desire to remain anonymous shall be protected, and that anonymity shall be maintained in the auditor's report. All records of the organization other than the auditor's report, management letter, and any supplemental data requested by the State Board of Education, the university and college boards of trustees Board of Regents, the Auditor General, and

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the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

Section 6. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, section 240.2996, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that section is reenacted and amended to read:

240.2996 University and college health services support organization; confidentiality of information .--

- (1) All meetings of a governing board of a university or college health services support organization and all university and college health services support organizations' organization records shall be open and available to the public in accordance with s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution and chapter 119 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, respectively, unless made confidential or exempt by law. Records required by the Department of Insurance to discharge its duties shall be made available to the department upon request.
- The following university and college health services support organizations' organization's records and information are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:
- (a) Contracts for managed care arrangements under which the university or college health services support organization provides health care services, preferred provider organization contracts, health maintenance organization contracts, alliance network arrangements, and exclusive 31 provider organization contracts, and any documents directly

relating to the negotiation, performance, and implementation of any such contracts for managed care arrangements or alliance network arrangements. As used in this paragraph, the term "managed care" means systems or techniques generally used by third-party payors or their agents to affect access to and control payment for health care services. Managed-care techniques most often include one or more of the following: prior, concurrent, and retrospective review of the medical necessity and appropriateness of services or site of services; contracts with selected health care providers; financial incentives or disincentives related to the use of specific providers, services, or service sites; controlled access to and coordination of services by a case manager; and payor efforts to identify treatment alternatives and modify benefit restrictions for high-cost patient care.

- (b) Each university and college health services support organization's marketing plan the disclosure of which may reasonably be expected by the organization's governing board to be used by a competitor or an affiliated provider of the organization to frustrate, circumvent, or exploit the purposes of the plan before it is implemented and which is not otherwise known or cannot be legally obtained by a competitor or an affiliated provider. However, documents that are submitted to the organization's governing board as part of the board's approval of the organization's budget, and the budget itself, are not confidential and exempt.
- (c) Trade secrets, as defined in s. 688.002, including reimbursement methodologies and rates.
- (d) The records of the peer review panels, committees, governing board, and agents of the university <u>or college</u> health services support organization which relate solely to

the evaluation of health care services and professional credentials of health care providers and physicians employed by or providing services under contract to the university or college health services support organization. The exemptions created by this paragraph shall not be construed to impair any otherwise established rights of an individual health care provider to inspect documents concerning the determination of such provider's professional credentials.

- (3) Any portion of a governing board or peer review panel or committee meeting during which a confidential and exempt contract, document, record, marketing plan, or trade secret, as provided for in subsection (2), is discussed is exempt from the provisions of s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (4) Those portions of any public record, such as a tape recording, minutes, and notes, generated during that portion of a governing board or peer review panel or committee meeting which is closed to the public pursuant to this section, which contain information relating to contracts, documents, records, marketing plans, or trade secrets which are made confidential and exempt by this section, are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (5) The exemptions from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution provided in this section do not apply if the governing board of a university or college health services support organization votes to lease, sell, or transfer all or any substantial part of the facilities or property of the university or college health services support organization to a nonpublic entity.

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- (6) Any person may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for an order for the public release of those portions of any public record, such as a tape recording, minutes, or notes, generated during that portion of a governing board meeting which is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (3), which record is made confidential and exempt by subsection (4). Any action pursuant to this subsection must be brought in the county where the principal office of the university or college health services support organization is located, as reflected in the records of the custodian of state records Secretary of State. In any order for the public release of a record pursuant to this subsection, the court shall make a finding that a compelling public interest is served by the release of the record or portions thereof which exceeds the public necessity for maintaining the confidentiality of such record as described in s. 2, chapter 96-171, Laws of Florida, and that the release of the record will not cause damage to or adversely affect the interests of private persons, business entities, the university or college health services support organization, or the affiliated university or college.
- (7) Those portions of any public record, such as a tape recording, minutes, or notes, generated during that portion of a governing board meeting at which negotiations for contracts for managed-care arrangements occur, are reported on, or are acted on by the governing board, which record is made confidential and exempt by subsection (4), shall become public records 2 years after the termination or completion of the term of the contract to which such negotiations relate or, if no contract was executed, 2 years after the termination of 31 the negotiations. Notwithstanding paragraph (2)(a) and

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subsection (4), a university or college health services support organization must make available, upon request, the title and general description of a contract for managed-care arrangements, the names of the contracting parties, and the duration of the contract term. All contracts for managed-care arrangements which are made confidential and exempt by paragraph (2)(a), except those portions of any contract containing trade secrets which are made confidential and exempt by paragraph (2)(c), shall become public 2 years after the termination or completion of the term of the contract.

- organization may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to continue the confidentiality of any public record made nonconfidential by this section, upon a showing of good cause. In determining good cause, the court shall balance the property, privacy, and economic interests of any affected person or business entity with those of the university or college health services support organization and with the public interest and must make a finding that a substantial public interest is served by the continued confidentiality of the public record for an additional time period. The length of time for this continued exemption may be no longer than is necessary to protect that substantial public interest.
- (9) This act does not preclude discovery of records and information that are otherwise discoverable under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure or any statutory provision allowing discovery or presuit disclosure of such records and information for the purpose of civil actions.

Section 7. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, section 240.323, Florida

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Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that section is reenacted and amended to read:

240.323 Student records.--Rules of the State Board of Education Community Colleges may prescribe the content and custody of records and reports which a community college may maintain on its students. Such records are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, and are open to inspection only as provided in s. 228.093.

Section 8. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, subsection (6) of section 240.331, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that subsection is reenacted and amended to read:

240.331 Community college direct-support organizations. --

(6) ANNUAL AUDIT. -- Each direct-support organization shall provide for an annual financial audit in accordance with rules adopted by the Auditor General pursuant to s. 11.45(8). The annual audit report must be submitted, within 9 months after the end of the fiscal year, to the Auditor General, the State Board of Education Community Colleges, and the board of trustees for review. The board of trustees, the Auditor General, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability may require and receive from the organization or from its independent auditor any detail or supplemental data relative to the operation of the organization. The identity of donors who desire to remain anonymous shall be protected, and that anonymity shall be maintained in the auditor's report. All records of the 31 organization, other than the auditor's report, any information

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necessary for the auditor's report, any information related to the expenditure of funds, and any supplemental data requested by the board of trustees, the Auditor General, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

Section 9. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, subsection (6) of section 240.3315, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that subsection is reenacted to read:

240.3315 Statewide community college direct-support organizations. --

(6) ANNUAL AUDIT. -- A statewide community college direct-support organization shall provide for an annual financial audit in accordance with s. 240.331. The identity of a donor or prospective donor who desires to remain anonymous and all information identifying such donor or prospective donor are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Such anonymity shall be maintained in the auditor's report.

Section 10. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, section 240.337, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that section is reenacted and amended to read:

240.337 Records of personnel.--Rules of the State Board of Education Community Colleges shall prescribe the content and custody of limited-access records which a community college may maintain on its employees. Such records 31 | shall be limited to information reflecting evaluations of

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employee performance and shall be open to inspection only by the employee and by officials of the community college who are responsible for supervision of the employee. Such limited access employee records are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Except as required for use by the president in the discharge of his or her official responsibilities, the custodian of limited access employee records may release information from such records only upon authorization in writing from the employee or the president or upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 11. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, subsections (8) and (9) of section 240.512, Florida Statutes, are not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but those subsections (8) and (9) are reenacted and amended to read:

240.512 H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute.--There is established the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute at the University of South Florida.

- (8)(a) Records of the not-for-profit corporation and of its subsidiaries are public records unless made confidential or exempt by law.
- (b) Proprietary confidential business information is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. However, the Auditor General, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, and the State Board of Education Regents, pursuant to their oversight and auditing functions, must be given access to all proprietary confidential business 31 | information upon request and without subpoena and must

maintain the confidentiality of information so received. As used in this paragraph, the term "proprietary confidential business information" means information, regardless of its form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the not-for-profit corporation or its subsidiaries; is intended to be and is treated by the not-for-profit corporation or its subsidiaries as private and the disclosure of which would harm the business operations of the not-for-profit corporation or its subsidiaries; has not been intentionally disclosed by the corporation or its subsidiaries unless pursuant to law, an order of a court or administrative body, a legislative proceeding pursuant to s. 5, Art. III of the State Constitution, or a private agreement that provides that the information may be released to the public; and which is information concerning:

- Internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors;
- 2. Matters reasonably encompassed in privileged attorney-client communications;
- 3. Contracts for managed-care arrangements, including preferred provider organization contracts, health maintenance organization contracts, and exclusive provider organization contracts, and any documents directly relating to the negotiation, performance, and implementation of any such contracts for managed-care arrangements;
- 4. Bids or other contractual data, banking records, and credit agreements the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the not-for-profit corporation or its subsidiaries to contract for goods or services on favorable terms;

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- Information relating to private contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive interest of the provider of the information;
- 6. Corporate officer and employee personnel information;
- Information relating to the proceedings and records of credentialing panels and committees and of the governing board of the not-for-profit corporation or its subsidiaries relating to credentialing;
- Minutes of meetings of the governing board of the not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries, except minutes of meetings open to the public pursuant to subsection (9);
- Information that reveals plans for marketing 9. services that the corporation or its subsidiaries reasonably expect to be provided by competitors;
- Trade secrets as defined in s. 688.002, including reimbursement methodologies or rates; or
- The identity of donors or prospective donors of property who wish to remain anonymous or any information identifying such donors or prospective donors. The anonymity of these donors or prospective donors must be maintained in the auditor's report.

- systems or techniques generally used by third-party payors or
- their agents to affect access to and control payment for
- health care services. Managed-care techniques most often
- include one or more of the following: prior, concurrent, and
- retrospective review of the medical necessity and
- 31 appropriateness of services or site of services; contracts

 with selected health care providers; financial incentives or disincentives related to the use of specific providers, services, or service sites; controlled access to and coordination of services by a case manager; and payor efforts to identify treatment alternatives and modify benefit restrictions for high-cost patient care.

(9) Meetings of the governing board of the not-for-profit corporation and meetings of the subsidiaries of the not-for-profit corporation at which the expenditure of dollars appropriated to the not-for-profit corporation by the state are discussed or reported must remain open to the public in accordance with s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution, unless made confidential or exempt by law. Other meetings of the governing board of the not-for-profit corporation and of the subsidiaries of the not-for-profit corporation are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

Section 12. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, subsection (14) and paragraph (c) of subsection (22) of section 240.551, Florida Statutes, are not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but subsection (14) and paragraph (c) of subsection (22) of section 240.551, Florida Statutes, are reenacted and amended to read:

240.551 Florida Prepaid College Program. --

(14) CONFIDENTIALITY OF ACCOUNT

INFORMATION.--Information that identifies the purchasers or beneficiaries of any plan promulgated under this section and their advance payment account activities is exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. However, the board may authorize the program's

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records administrator to release such information to a community college, college, or university in which a beneficiary may enroll or is enrolled. Community colleges, colleges, and universities shall maintain such information as exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

- (22) DIRECT-SUPPORT ORGANIZATION; AUTHORITY. --
- (c) The identity of donors who desire to remain anonymous shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, and such anonymity shall be maintained in the auditor's report. Information received by the organization that is otherwise confidential or exempt by law shall retain such status. Any sensitive, personal information regarding contract beneficiaries, including their identities, is exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

Section 13. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, section 240.554, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but is reenacted to read:

240.554 Florida College Savings Program; confidentiality of account information .-- Information that identifies the benefactors or the designated beneficiary of any account initiated under s. 240.553 and information regarding individual account activities conducted through the program established in s. 240.553 are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. However, the board may authorize the release of such information to a community college, college, 31 or university in which a designated beneficiary may enroll or

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30 31 is enrolled. Community colleges, colleges, and universities shall maintain the confidentiality of such information. This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2005, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 14. Notwithstanding subsection (7) of section 3 of chapter 2000-321, Laws of Florida, paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section 240.711, Florida Statutes, is not repealed on January 7, 2003, as provided in that act, but that paragraph is reenacted and amended to read:

240.711 Ringling Center for Cultural Arts.--

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The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art (h) direct-support organization shall provide for an annual financial audit in accordance with s. 240.299(5)s. 240.299(4). Florida State University is authorized to require and receive from the direct-support organization, or from its independent auditor, any detail or supplemental data relative to the operation of such organization. Information that, if released, would identify donors who desire to remain anonymous, is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Information that, if released, would identify prospective donors is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, when the direct-support organization has identified the prospective donor itself and has not obtained the name of the prospective donor by copying, purchasing, or borrowing names from another organization or source. Identities of such donors and

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prospective donors shall not be revealed in the auditor's report.

Section 15. Section 246.1112, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

246.1112 Actions against a licensee and other penalties; confidentiality of information.—The complaint and all information obtained by the Commission for Independent Education in the course of an investigation under s. 246.111 is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, for a maximum of 10 days after the probable—cause panel declares a finding of probable cause, and the proceedings of that probable—cause panel are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution until the panel declares a finding of probable cause.

Section 16. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to exempt the complaint, all information obtained in the course of investigation of the complaint, and the proceedings determining a finding of probable cause under section 246.111, Florida Statutes, from disclosure because the exemption prevents unfounded complaints and investigations from being used to damage the good name of the individual or entity, injuring the affected entity in the marketplace. The public would continue to be protected because the information would be released after a finding of probable cause.

(2) The Legislature finds it is a public necessity to exempt the claims files of self-insurance programs under section 240.213, Florida Statutes, from disclosure because the disclosure of confidential business information would injure the affected entity in the marketplace by reducing its

business advantage by providing competitors and claimants with detailed insight into the management of claims.

- (3) The Legislature finds it is a public necessity to exempt certain student records under sections 240.237 and 240.323, Florida Statutes, from disclosure because the confidential information is of a sensitive personal nature. The exemption is necessary to protect student safety and a student's expectation of privacy. The records are open to inspection only as provided in section 228.093, Florida Statutes.
- (4) The Legislature finds it is a public necessity to exempt certain employee records under sections 240.253 and 240.337, Florida Statutes, from disclosure because the confidential information is of a sensitive personal nature. The exemption is necessary to protect employee safety and to protect an employee's expectation of privacy.
- exempt certain materials related to methods of manufacture and production, potential and actual trade secrets, potentially patentable material, business transactions, and proprietary information under section 240.241(2), Florida Statutes, from disclosure because the business advantage would be reduced by allowing competitors with detailed insights into the research conducted by the university, injuring the university in the marketplace if disclosed. Disclosure would impair the administrative effectiveness and efficiency of a government program because certain entities would not cooperate with the university for fear that their work product would be disclosed. A division of sponsored research shall make available upon request the title and description of a research

project, the name of the researcher, and the amount and source
of the funding provided for such project.

- (6) The Legislature finds it is a public necessity to exempt donor and prospective donor identities under sections 240.299(5), 240.331(6), 240.3315(6), 240.551(22)(c), and 240.711(2)(h), Florida Statutes, from disclosure to protect confidential information of a sensitive personal nature. The exemption is necessary to protect the donor's expectation of privacy.
- exempt all records of a direct-support organization, under sections 240.299(5) and 240.311(6), Florida Statutes, other than the auditor's report, management letter, and supplemental data requested by certain governmental entities, from disclosure to protect a business advantage over competitors. Disclosure would provide competitors with detailed insights into the financial status and strategic plans of the direct-support organization thereby impairing the business advantage and causing injury to the direct-support organization in the marketplace.
- exempt proprietary confidential business information of the not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries under section 240.512(8), Florida Statutes, from disclosure to protect a business advantage over competitors. Disclosure would provide competitors with detailed insight into the research conducted by the cancer center thereby diminishing the business advantage and causing injury in the marketplace. The Legislature finds it is a public necessity to exempt the meetings of the governing board of the not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries from disclosure. Providing

open meetings for the not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries would provide competitors with detailed insight into the status of research conducted by the cancer center thereby diminishing the business advantage and causing injury to the cancer center in the marketplace. The meeting of the not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries at which the expenditure of dollars appropriated to the not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries by the state are discussed or reported must remain open to the public in accordance with section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and Section 24(b), Article I of the State Constitution.

- exempt information that identifies the purchasers or beneficiaries of any plan and their advance payment account activities under sections 240.551(14) and 240.554, Florida Statutes, from disclosure to protect confidential information of a sensitive personal nature. The exemption is necessary to protect the purchaser or beneficiary's expectation of privacy. The records identifying the purchasers, beneficiaries, and their advance payment account activities may be released to a community college, college, or university in which a beneficiary may enroll or is enrolled, provided that the community colleges, colleges, and universities shall maintain such information as exempt from section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution.
- (10) The Legislature finds it is a public necessity to exempt certain contracts for managed care arrangements, marketing plans, trade secrets, reimbursement methodologies and rates, records of peer review boards that evaluate health care services and professional credentials of health care

1 providers and physicians, and peer review meetings under section 240.2996, Florida Statutes, from disclosure to protect 2 3 a business advantage that a health support organization has 4 over its competitors, disclosure of which would impair the 5 business advantage by allowing competitors with detailed 6 insight into confidential information concerning the 7 methodology and strategic plans of the health support 8 organization thereby causing injury in the marketplace. The 9 exemption for certain peer review meetings ensures that a 10 governmental program will be effectively and efficiently administered because of the reluctance of healthcare providers 11 to publicly comment on the qualifications of another 12 healthcare provider. 13 14 Section 17. This act shall take effect January 7, 15 2003. 16 17 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR 18 Senate Bill 1562 19 Provides that the State Board of Education must have access to all proprietary confidential information of the not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries and must maintain the confidentiality of the information. 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31