Florida Senate - 2003

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity

302-352-03 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 3 110.1091, F.S., which provides an exemption 4 from public-records requirements for personal 5 identifying information contained in records 6 relating to a state employee's participation in 7 an employee assistance program; deleting 8 provisions authorizing the routine monitoring 9 of telephone calls; removing the repeal of the exemption scheduled under the Open Government 10 Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an 11 12 effective date. 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 14 15 Section 1. Notwithstanding the repeal scheduled on 16 17 October 2, 2003, under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995, section 110.1091, Florida Statutes, is amended to 18 19 read: 20 110.1091 Program for assisting state employees; 21 confidentiality.--22 (1) An employing state agency may provide a program to 23 assist any of its state employees who have a behavioral or medical disorder, substance abuse problem, or emotional 24 25 difficulty that affects their job performance, through 26 referral for counseling, therapy, or other professional 27 treatment. Each employing state agency may designate community 28 diagnostic and referral resources as necessary to implement 29 the provisions of this section. 30 (2) Any communication between a state employee and 31 personnel or service providers of a state employee assistance 1 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 program relative to the employee's participation in the 2 program is shall be a confidential communication. Any routine 3 monitoring of telephone calls by the state agency does not 4 violate this provision. All personal identifying information 5 contained in records relating relative to a state employee's б that participation in an employee assistance program are shall 7 be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This section 8 9 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in 10 accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 11 2, 2003, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through 12 reenactment by the Legislature. Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003. 13 14 15 16 SENATE SUMMARY Revises an exemption from the public-records law which is provided for personal identifying information contained 17 18 in records relating to a state employee's participation in an employee assistance program. Removes provisions that authorize telephone calls to be monitored. Removes the repeal of the exemption scheduled on October 2, 2003, under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 2

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