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By Senator Miller

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to public records exemptions;
3	amending s. 1004.43, F.S.; clarifying the
4	public records exemption for proprietary
5	confidential business information owned or
6	controlled by the not-for-profit corporation
7	operating the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and
8	Research Institute and its subsidiaries
9	relating to trade secrets; expanding the public
10	records exemption to include information
11	received from a person in this or another state
12	or nation or the Federal Government which is
13	otherwise exempt or confidential under the laws
14	of this or another state or nation or under
15	federal law; providing for future review and
16	repeal; providing a statement of public
17	necessity; providing an effective date.
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section
22	1004.43, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
23	1004.43 H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research
24	InstituteThere is established the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer
25	Center and Research Institute at the University of South
26	Florida.
27	(8)
28	(b) Proprietary confidential business information is
29	confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1)
30	and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. However, the
31	Auditor General, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
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1 Government Accountability, and the State Board of Education, 2 pursuant to their oversight and auditing functions, must be given access to all proprietary confidential business 3 information upon request and without subpoena and must 4 maintain the confidentiality of information so received. As 5 6 used in this paragraph, the term "proprietary confidential 7 business information" means information, regardless of its 8 form or characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the not-for-profit corporation or its subsidiaries; is intended to 9 be and is treated by the not-for-profit corporation or its 10 subsidiaries as private and the disclosure of which would harm 11 12 the business operations of the not-for-profit corporation or 13 its subsidiaries; has not been intentionally disclosed by the corporation or its subsidiaries unless pursuant to law, an 14 order of a court or administrative body, a legislative 15 proceeding pursuant to s. 5, Art. III of the State 16 17 Constitution, or a private agreement that provides that the 18 information may be released to the public; and which is information concerning: 19 1. Internal auditing controls and reports of internal 20 21 auditors; 2. Matters reasonably encompassed in privileged 22 23 attorney-client communications; 3. Contracts for managed-care arrangements, including 2.4 preferred provider organization contracts, health maintenance 25 26 organization contracts, and exclusive provider organization 27 contracts, and any documents directly relating to the 2.8 negotiation, performance, and implementation of any such 29 contracts for managed-care arrangements; 30 4. Bids or other contractual data, banking records, and credit agreements the disclosure of which would impair the 31

1 efforts of the not-for-profit corporation or its subsidiaries 2 to contract for goods or services on favorable terms; 5. Information relating to private contractual data, 3 4 the disclosure of which would impair the competitive interest of the provider of the information; 5 б 6. Corporate officer and employee personnel 7 information; 7. Information relating to the proceedings and records 8 of credentialing panels and committees and of the governing 9 board of the not-for-profit corporation or its subsidiaries 10 relating to credentialing; 11 12 8. Minutes of meetings of the governing board of the 13 not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries, except minutes of meetings open to the public pursuant to subsection 14 (9); 15 9. Information that reveals plans for marketing 16 17 services that the corporation or its subsidiaries reasonably 18 expect to be provided by competitors; 10. Trade secrets as defined in s. 688.002, including: 19 a. Information relating to methods of manufacture or 20 21 production, potential trade secrets, potentially patentable materials, or proprietary information received, generated, 22 23 ascertained, or discovered during the course of research conducted by the not-for-profit corporation or its 2.4 <u>subsidiaries;</u> 25 b. Proprietary and confidential information relating 26 27 to business transactions resulting from such research; and 2.8 c. Reimbursement methodologies or rates; or 29 11. The identity of donors or prospective donors of property who wish to remain anonymous or any information 30 identifying such donors or prospective donors. The anonymity 31

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1 of these donors or prospective donors must be maintained in 2 the auditor's report; or. 12. Any information received by the not-for-profit 3 4 corporation or its subsidiaries from a person in this or 5 another state or nation or the Federal Government which is 6 otherwise exempt or confidential under the laws of this or 7 another state or nation or under federal law. 8 As used in this paragraph, the term "managed care" means 9 10 systems or techniques generally used by third-party payors or their agents to affect access to and control payment for 11 12 health care services. Managed-care techniques most often 13 include one or more of the following: prior, concurrent, and retrospective review of the medical necessity and 14 appropriateness of services or site of services; contracts 15 with selected health care providers; financial incentives or 16 17 disincentives related to the use of specific providers, 18 services, or service sites; controlled access to and coordination of services by a case manager; and payor efforts 19 to identify treatment alternatives and modify benefit 20 21 restrictions for high-cost patient care. 22 Section 2. Subparagraph 1004.43(8)(b)12., Florida 23 Statutes, is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with section 119.15, Florida Statutes, 2.4 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2010, unless reviewed 25 and saved form repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. 26 27 Section 3. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a 2.8 public necessity that trade secrets of the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center or its subsidiaries, as defined in section 29 688.002, Florida Statutes, be confidential and exempt from 30 public disclosure. In accordance with that definition, a 31

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1	"trade secret" consists of information that derives actual or
2	potential economic value from not being readily ascertainable
3	by others, and is the subject of reasonable efforts to
4	maintain its secrecy. The Legislature has determined that
5	"trade secrets" may include information relating to research
б	discoveries and business transactions resulting from research
7	discoveries and that the disclosure of such information would
8	adversely affect the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research
9	Institute and its subsidiaries, which are resources of the
10	State of Florida, and would create an unfair competitive
11	advantage to a person receiving such information.
12	(2) Pursuant to section 119.15, Florida Statutes, the
13	Legislature finds that the amendment to subparagraph
14	1004.43(8)(b)10., Florida Statutes, referencing information
15	relating to methods of manufacture or production, potential
16	trade secrets, potentially patentable materials, or
17	proprietary information received, generated, ascertained, or
18	discovered during the course of research conducted by the H.
19	Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute or any of its
20	subsidiaries, and business transactions resulting from such
21	research, does not substantially amend the existing exemption.
22	The Legislature finds and declares that each of the classes of
23	information specified meets the test of being a "trade secret"
24	within the meaning of the term as defined in section 688.002,
25	Florida Statutes. To fulfill its legislative mandate of
26	research, education, treatment, prevention, and the early
27	detection of cancer, an exemption of confidential and
28	proprietary information relating to business transactions will
29	allow the not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries to
30	more effectively partner with other researchers. Although
31	information relating to business transactions may not qualify

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1	as intellectual property, the terms and pricing of a research
2	transaction and, in some cases, the very fact of a research
3	transaction may be considered confidential information
4	concerning an entity. This exemption will assure collaborating
5	partners that their confidential business information will
6	remain confidential and exempt from public disclosure if
7	shared with the not-for-profit corporation or its
8	subsidiaries. The Legislature finds that the ability of the
9	not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries to conduct
10	meaningful scientific research and meet their obligations will
11	be significantly impaired if certain proprietary business
12	information or scientific research is not made confidential
13	and exempt from public disclosure. Specifically, the
14	Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to make exempt
15	and confidential proprietary business information or
16	scientific research that relates to methods of manufacture or
17	production, potential trade secrets, patentable material,
18	actual trade secrets as defined in section 688.002, Florida
19	Statutes, or proprietary information received, generated,
20	ascertained, or discovered by or through the not-for-profit
21	corporation or its subsidiaries because the disclosure of this
22	information would negate the benefit expected by exposing
23	valuable proprietary work to competitors. Business
24	transactions resulting from scientific research must be held
25	confidential and exempt from public records requirements
26	because the disclosure of such information would create an
27	unfair competitive advantage for the person receiving such
28	information. Such an advantage would adversely affect the
29	not-for-profit corporation and its subsidiaries. If
30	confidential and exempt information regarding research in
31	progress were released pursuant to a public records request,

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1	others would be allowed to derive benefit from the research
2	without compensation or reimbursement to the not-for-profit
3	corporation or its subsidiaries. Without the exemptions
4	provided for in this act, the disclosure of confidential and
5	exempt information would place the not-for-profit corporation
6	or its subsidiaries on an unequal footing in the marketplace
7	as compared with other research competitors whose information
8	is kept confidential and exempt. The Legislature finds that
9	disclosure of confidential and exempt information would
10	adversely affect the not-for-profit corporation or its
11	subsidiaries in fulfilling the mission of research.
12	(3) The Legislature further finds that information
13	received by the not-for-profit corporation or its subsidiaries
14	from a person in this or another state or nation or the
15	Federal Government which is otherwise exempt or confidential
16	under the laws of this or another state or nation or under
17	federal law should remain exempt or confidential because the
18	highly confidential nature of cancer-related research
19	necessitates that the not-for-profit corporation or its
20	subsidiaries be authorized to maintain the status of exempt or
21	confidential information received from the sponsors of
22	research. Without the exemptions provided for in this act, the
23	disclosure of exempt and confidential information would place
24	the not-for-profit corporation on an unequal footing in the
25	marketplace as compared with its private health care and
26	medical research competitors that are not required to disclose
27	such exempt and confidential information. The Legislature
28	finds that the disclosure of such exempt and confidential
29	information would adversely affect the not-for-profit
30	corporation or its subsidiaries in fulfilling their mission of
31	cancer treatment, research, and education.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. SENATE SUMMARY Exempts certain information that constitutes "trade secrets" of the corporation that operates the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and the corporation's subsidiaries and information received which is already made confidential by the laws of this or another state or nation or under federal law from public-records disclosure. Provides for future review and repeal of the exemption. 

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