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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to public records and public
3	meetings; creating an exemption from
4	public-records and public-meetings requirements
5	for certain information maintained by a
6	hospital that is the sublessee of lands at the
7	Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic
8	University and for meetings of that hospital's
9	board of directors; providing that material
10	submitted to the Auditor General, the Office of
11	Program Policy Analysis and Government
12	Accountability, and the State Board of
13	Education does not thereby lose its
14	confidential character; describing material to
15	which the public-records exemption applies;
16	providing a finding of public necessity;
17	providing for expiration of the exemption and
18	for its future review; providing a contingent
19	effective date.
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21	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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23	Section 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the
24	contrary, lessee Boca Raton Community Hospital, Inc., is a
25	private, not-for-profit entity and as such is not subject to
26	chapter 119, Florida Statutes, or s. 286.011, Florida
27	Statutes. In carrying out this section, the lessee and its
28	subsidiaries are not "agencies" within the meaning of s.
29	20.03(11), Florida Statutes. Proprietary confidential business
30	information of the lessee is confidential and exempt from the
31	provisions of s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),

1	Art. I of the State Constitution. However, the Auditor
2	General, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
3	Accountability, and the State Board of Education, pursuant to
4	their oversight and auditing functions, must be given access
5	to all proprietary confidential business information upon
6	request and without subpoena and must maintain the
7	confidentiality of the information so received. As used in
8	this section, the term "proprietary confidential business
9	information" means information, regardless of its form or
10	characteristics, which is owned or controlled by the lessee or
11	its subsidiaries as private and the disclosure of which would
12	harm the business operations of the lessee or its
13	subsidiaries; has not been intentionally disclosed by the
14	lessee or its subsidiaries unless pursuant to law, an order of
15	a court or administrative body, a legislative proceeding
16	pursuant to s. 5, Art. III of the State Constitution, or a
17	private agreement that provides that the information may be
18	released to the public; and is information concerning:
19	(a) Internal auditing controls and reports of internal
20	auditors;
21	(b) Matters reasonably encompassed in privileged
22	attorney-client communications;
23	(c) Contracts for managed-care arrangements, including
24	preferred provider organization contracts, health maintenance
25	organization contracts, and exclusive provider organization
26	contracts and any documents directly relating to the
27	negotiation, performance, and implementation of any such
28	contracts for managed-care arrangements;
29	(d) Bids or other contractual data, banking records,
30	and credit agreements the disclosure of which would impair the
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1	efforts of the lessee or its subsidiaries to contract for
2	goods or services on favorable terms;
3	(e) Information relating to private contractual data,
4	the disclosure of which would impair the competitive interest
5	of the provider of the information;
6	(f) Corporate officer and employee personnel
7	information;
8	(q) Information relating to the proceedings and
9	records of credentialing panels and committees and of the
10	governing board of the lessee or its subsidiaries relating to
11	credentialing;
12	(h) Minutes of meetings of the governing board of the
13	lessee and its subsidiaries, except minutes of meetings open
14	to the public pursuant to subsection (2);
15	(i) Information that reveals plans for marketing
16	services that the lessee or its subsidiaries reasonably expect
17	to be provided by competitors;
18	(j) Trade secrets as defined in s. 688.002, Florida
19	Statutes, including:
20	1. Information relating to methods of manufacture or
21	production, potential trade secrets, potentially patentable
22	materials, or proprietary information received, generated,
23	ascertained, or discovered during the course of research
24	conducted by the lessee or its subsidiaries; and
25	2. Reimbursement methodologies or rates;
26	(k) The identity of donors or prospective donors of
27	property who wish to remain anonymous or any information
28	identifying such donors or prospective donors. The anonymity
29	of these donors or prospective donors must be maintained in
30	the auditor's report; or
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1	(1) Any information received by the lessee or its
2	subsidiaries from an agency in this or another state or nation
3	or the Federal Government which is otherwise exempt or
4	confidential pursuant to the laws of this or another state or
5	nation or pursuant to federal law.
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7	As used in this subsection, the term "managed care" means
8	systems or techniques generally used by third-party payors or
9	their agents to affect access to and control payment for
10	health care services. Managed-care techniques most often
11	include one or more of the following: prior, concurrent, and
12	retrospective review of the medical necessity and
13	appropriateness of services or site of services; contracts
14	with selected health care providers; financial incentives or
15	disincentives related to the use of specific providers,
16	services, or service sites; controlled access to and
17	coordination of services by a case manager; and payor efforts
18	to identify treatment alternatives and modify benefit
19	restrictions for high-cost patient care.
20	(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the
21	appointment of the President or Chief Executive Officer of
22	Florida Atlantic University to the board of directors of Boca
23	Raton Community Hospital, Inc., does not subject the meetings
24	of the board of directors to s. 24, Art. I of the State
25	Constitution and s. 286.011, Florida Statutes. The portion of
26	a meeting of the board of directors of the lessee and of any
27	meetings of the subsidiaries of the lessee at which
28	information is presented or discussed which is confidential
29	and exempt under subsection (1) or which relates exclusively
30	to the operation and funding of the hospital, exclusive of the
31	academic medical programs, is closed to the public and exempt

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from s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution and s. 2 286.011, Florida Statutes. Any records generated during those portions of the board meetings which are closed to the public 3 4 under this subsection, such as minutes, tape recordings, videotapes, transcriptions, or notes, are confidential and 5 6 exempt from s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution and s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. The lessee of a hospital, under 7 8 this section or any special act of the Legislature, operating under a lease shall not be construed to be "acting on behalf 9 10 of" the lessor as that term is used in statute unless the lease document expressly provides to the contrary. 11 12 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government 13 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, Florida Statutes, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2012, unless 14 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the 15 16 Legislature. Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public 18 necessity that information relating to the business activities of Boca Raton Community Hospital, Inc., be made exempt from 19 2.0 public-records requirements and that the proceeds of meetings 21 of the hospital board of directors be made exempt from 2.2 public-meetings requirements. Notwithstanding the facts that 23 the hospital facility to be constructed and operated by the lessee hospital is intended as a teaching hospital for an 2.4 academic medical program of the university and that Boca Raton 2.5 Community Hospital, Inc., is a not-for-profit entity, 2.6 proprietary information should remain confidential to keep 2.7 2.8 from placing the hospital at a competitive disadvantage with respect to other hospitals operating in the same geographical 29 30 area.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, if Senate Bill ____ or similar legislation requiring the 2 3 sublease of lands located at the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University to Boca Raton Community Hospital, Inc., for construction of a community-university affiliated teaching 5 hospital is adopted at the same session, or an extension 7 thereof, and becomes law. 8 9 10 SENATE SUMMARY 11 Provides that proprietary confidential business information of the Boca Raton Community Hospital, Inc., a sublessee of lands at the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University, is not a public record, nor does it 12 become so when coming into the custody of the Auditor General, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, and the State Board of Education as part of those agencies' oversight of the 13 14 lease between the university and the hospital. Provides that meetings of the hospital's board of directors do not 15 become public meetings, notwithstanding that the 16 President or Chief Executive Officer of Florida Atlantic 17 University will serve on that board. 18 19 2.0 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31