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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 440.3851, F.S., relating to an exemption from public records and public meetings requirements for the Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association, Inc.; removing the scheduled repeal of certain exemptions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 440.3851, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

440.3851 Public records and public meetings exemptions.-

(1) The following records of the Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association, Incorporated, are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

(a) Claims files, until termination of all litigation andsettlement of all claims arising out of the same accident.

(b) Medical records that are part of a claims file and other information relating to the medical condition or medical status of a claimant.

(c) Minutes of exempt portions of meetings, as provided in
subsection (3), until termination of all litigation and
settlement of all claims with regard to that claim.

(2) Records or portions of records made confidential and

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exempt by this section may be released, upon written request, to another agency in the performance of that agency's official duties and responsibilities. The receiving agency shall maintain the confidential and exempt status of such record or portion of a record.

(3) (a) That portion of a meeting of the association's board of directors or any subcommittee of the association's board at which records made confidential and exempt by this section are discussed is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

38 (b) All exempt portions of meetings shall be recorded and 39 transcribed. The board shall record the times of commencement 40 and termination of the meeting, all discussion and proceedings, 41 the names of all persons present at any time, and the names of 42 all persons speaking. An exempt portion of any meeting may not 43 be off the record.

44 (c) Subject to this section and s. 119.021(2), the court 45 reporter's notes of any exempt portion of a meeting shall be 46 retained by the association for a minimum of 5 years.

47 (d) A copy of the transcript of any exempt portion of a 48 meeting in which claims files are discussed shall become public 49 as to individual claims after settlement of the claim with any 50 confidential and exempt information redacted.

51 (4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset 52 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed 53 on October 2, 2010, unless reviewed and saved from repeal 54 through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2010.

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