

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	_____	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	_____	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	_____	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	_____	(Y/N)
OTHER		

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Government Operations
2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Combee offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove lines 30-107 and insert:

7 1004.097 Information identifying applicants for president
8 or provost at state universities or Florida College System
9 institutions; public records exemption; public meetings
10 exemption.-

11 (1) Any identifying information of an applicant for
12 president or provost of a state university or Florida College
13 System institution is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a),
14 Art. I of the State Constitution.

15 (2) (a) Any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of
16 identifying or vetting a potential applicant for president or
17 provost of a state university or Florida College System

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18 institution is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of
19 the State Constitution.

20 (b) Any portion of a meeting that would disclose
21 identifying information of an applicant for president or provost
22 of a state university or Florida College System institution is
23 exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State
24 Constitution.

25 (c) Any portion of a meeting that is closed pursuant to
26 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) must be reasonably noticed. A
27 complete recording must be made of any closed portion of a
28 meeting, and a closed portion of a meeting may not be held off
29 the record. The recording of the closed portion of a meeting is
30 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
31 Constitution.

32 (d) Any portion of a meeting held for the purposes of
33 establishing the qualifications of potential applicants or
34 establishing the compensation framework to be offered to
35 potential applicants must be open to the public and is subject
36 to s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

37 (3) No later than 30 days before the date of the meeting
38 at which a final action or vote is to be taken regarding the
39 employment of an applicant, identifying information of the
40 applicants on whom a final action or vote is to be taken is no
41 longer exempt as provided under subsections (1) and (2).

42 (4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
43 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed

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44 on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
45 through reenactment by the Legislature.

46 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
47 necessity that any identifying information of an applicant for
48 president or provost of a state university or Florida College
49 System institution be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida
50 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The
51 Legislature also finds that any portion of any meeting which is
52 held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants for
53 president or provost of a state university or Florida College
54 System institution or which would disclose identifying
55 information of an applicant be exempt from s. 286.011, Florida
56 Statutes, and s. 24(b), Article I of the State Constitution.
57 Identifying information of finalists is no longer exempt from
58 public records and public meetings requirements 30 days before
59 the date of the meeting at which a final action or vote occurs
60 regarding the hiring of a president or provost. The task of
61 filling the position of president or provost of a state
62 university or Florida College System institution is often
63 conducted by an executive search committee. Many, if not most,
64 applicants for such a position are currently employed at another
65 job at the time they apply and disclosure of their applications
66 could jeopardize their current positions. These exemptions from
67 public records and public meeting requirements are needed to
68 ensure that the executive search committee can avail itself of
69 the most experienced and desirable pool of qualified applicants

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70 from which to fill the position of president or provost of a
71 state university or Florida College System institution. If
72 potential applicants fear the possibility of losing their
73 current employment as a consequence of attempting to progress
74 along their chosen career path or seeking different and more
75 rewarding employment, failure to have these exemptions in place
76 could have a chilling effect on the number and quality of
77 applicants available to fill the position of president or
78 provost of a state university or Florida College System
79 institution.

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T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

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Remove lines 5-6 and insert:

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information of an applicant for president or provost of a state

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university or Florida College System