

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 7014, Engrossed 1

INTRODUCER:

SUBJECT: Ethics

DATE: March 6, 2024

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 126105 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment – 126105:

- Changes the effective date for most of the bill from October 1, 2024, to “upon becoming a law.” The bill sections creating new timeframes for investigations and preempting certain issues related to local ethics commissions are kept at October 1, 2024.
- Narrows application of a new commission two-thirds vote requirement to require it only for deviation from or rejection of a *stipulation or settlement* recommended by counsel representing the commission. The underlying Senate bill requires a commission two-thirds vote to deviate from or reject *any* recommendation of counsel.