

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/CS/SB 484

INTRODUCER: Rules Committee, Community Affairs Committee, and Senators Avila, Yarborough, and Gaetz

SUBJECT: Data Centers

DATE: March 11, 2026

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment — 383957 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment - *Barcode 383957* revises CS/CS/SB 484 by:

- Deleting a specification that agencies may not enter into non-disclosure agreements, or other contracts restricting the agency from disclosing information about a potential data center development to members of the public.
- Changes the effective date (to effective upon becoming a law) of a provision maintaining the authority of local governments to exercise the powers and responsibilities for comprehensive planning and land development regulation granted by law with respect to large load customers. This provision also establishes that large load customers may not be considered an electric substation for the purposes of s.163.3208, F.S.
- Revising s. 288.075, F.S., which provides in current law a 12-month public records exemption, upon written request, for certain information held by economic development agencies when a business is considering locating, relocating, or expanding in Florida, with a possible 12-month extension upon written request. The underlying bill provision requires disclosure if the project involves a data center and eliminates the additional 12-month extension for projects that involve data centers. The amendment maintains this extension prohibition (with stylistic revisions), but removes the disclosure requirement.
- Removes a directive for the PSC to engage in rulemaking relating to creating large load tariff minimum requirements.
- Removes a provision that large load tariffs minimize the risk of nonpayment of such costs to the maximum extent practicable and replaces it with a directive that the general body of ratepayers may not bear the risk of non-payment of the costs to serve large load customers.
- Making the ratemaking and other financial tools to effectuate large load tariffs to be optional and does not provide or direct the PSC to use these in creating minimum standards.
- Requires updated large load tariffs to be filed by the utilities by October 1, 2026.

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- Changes the effective date (to effective upon becoming a law) of a provision in the bill amending 373.203, F.S., to create a definition for data centers and large-scale data centers for ch. 373, F.S., which regulates Florida's water resources.
 - Creates a requirement that the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall contract for an independent, interdisciplinary study of policy considerations related to the construction and operation of large-scale data centers
 - Removes a re-enactment and makes technical changes