

## **HB 7167 — Commission for Independent Education Public Records Exemption**

by Governmental Affairs Policy Committee and Rep. Mayfield (CS/SB 1676 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Higher Education Committee)

This bill reenacts the public records exemption for investigatory records held by the Commission for Independent Education for investigations of suspected violations of law or rule by licensed private postsecondary education institutions. The bill reenacts the exemption from public disclosure for the portion of probable cause panel meetings in which the panel discusses exempt records. The bill requires a recording to be made of any closed portion of a probable cause panel meeting and prohibits any portion of the meeting from being off the record. The recording, the minutes, and the findings of the probable cause panel are exempt from public records disclosure requirements for up to 10 days after the panel makes a determination of probable cause.

The public records and public meetings exemptions will be repealed on October 2, 2015 unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2010.

*Vote: Senate 34-0; House 114-0*