



2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FINAL REPORT

For Period Ending May 1

What follows is a list of all the bills we tracked during the 2015 Legislative Session and the final action on each bill. You will find a description of each bill that passed the 2015 Legislature starting on page 8. Bills **supported** by the First Amendment Foundation are marked in **GREEN**, those **opposed** in **RED**.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

CS/SB 182 and CS/HB 223 Exemption/Executive Searches – Universities and Colleges

Sen. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla); Rep. Neil Combee (R-Auburndale)

- CS/SB 182 died on the House Calendar; CS/HB 223 died in committee.

SB 1274 Exemption/Academic Research Development and Publication

Sen. Darren Soto (D-Kissimmee)

- Died in committee.

HB 4039 University Direct Support Organizations

Rep. Michele Rehwinkel Vasilinda (D-Tallahassee)

- Died in committee.

CONTRACTORS

CS/HB 163 and CS/SB 224 Public Records/Public Agency Contracts

Rep. Halsey Beshears (R-Perry); Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-New Port Richey)

- CS/HB 163 was tabled; CS/SB 224 was amended and approved by the House. CS/SB 224 died in Senate Returning Messages.

COURT RECORDS

CS/HB 7 and CS/SB 360 Exemption/Minor Claim Settlements

Rep. Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples); Sen. Kelli Stargel (R-Lakeland)

- CS/HB 7 was approved by both chambers; CS/SB 360 was tabled. **See CS/HB 7.**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CS/HB 57 and SB 7080 Law Enforcement Officer Body Cameras

Rep. Shevrin Jones (D-West Park); S. Criminal Justice Committee

- CS/HB 57 passed the House unanimously and died in Senate Messages; SB 7080 died on the Senate Calendar.

HB 183 and SB 488 Expunction/Criminal History Records – Minors

Rep. Sharon Pritchett (D-Miramar); Sen. Nancy Detert (R-Venice)

- Both bills died in committee.

HB 205 and SB 334 Retention/Criminal History Records – Minors

Rep. Mia Jones (D-Jacksonville); Sen. Arthenia Joyner (D-Tampa)

- Both bills died in committee.

CS/SB 248 Exemption/Body Camera Videos

Sen. Chris Smith (D-Fort Lauderdale)

- Approved by both chambers. **See CS/SB 248.**

HB 467 and CS/SB 1108 Exemption/Human Trafficking Victims

Rep. Ross Spano (R-Riverview); Sen. Anitere Flores (R-Miami)

- HB 467 was approved by both chambers; CS/SB 1108 was tabled. **See HB 467.**

HB 469 and CS/SB 1110 Exemption/Safe Houses – Sexual Exploitation Victims

Rep. Ross Spano (R-Riverview); Sen. Anitere Flores (R-Miami)

- HB 469 was approved by both chambers; CS/SB 1110 was tabled. **See HB 469.**

HB 581 and SB 852 Exemption/Body Camera Recordings and Videos

Rep. David Santiago (R-Deltona); Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R-Miami)

- Both bills were withdrawn from consideration.

HB 1065 and SB 1470 Law Enforcement Lethal Use of Force Commission

Rep. Barbara Watson (D-Miami Gardens); Sen. Dwight Bullard (D-Cutler Bay)

- Both bills died in committee.

HB 1137 and SB 1356 Exemption/Criminal History Records Expunction

Rep. Cynthia Stafford (D-Opa Locka); Sen. Oscar Braynon II (D-Miami Gardens)

- Both bills died in committee.

SB 1164 Expunction of DUI Criminal History Records

Sen. Maria Lorts Sachs (D-Delray Beach)

- Died in committee.

CS/SB 1316 and HB 7103 Exemption/Juvenile Criminal History Records

Sen. Darren Soto (D-Kissimmee); H. Criminal Justice Subcommittee

- CS/SB 1316 died in committee; HB 7103 died on the House Calendar.

SB 1612 and HB 7107 Exemption/Criminal History Records

Sen. Nancy Detert (R-Venice); H. Criminal Justice Subcommittee

- Both bills died in committee.

CS/HB 7105 Expunging and Sealing Criminal History Records

H. Criminal Justice Subcommittee

- Died in committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CS/HB 65 and CS/SB 826 Exemption/Unsolicited Proposals

Rep. Greg Steube (R-Sarasota); Sen. Greg Evers (R-Pensacola)

- CS/HB 65 died on the House Calendar; CS/SB 826 died on the Senate Calendar.

HB 75 and SB 232 Department of Economic Opportunity Web Page

Rep. Neil Combee (R-Auburndale); Sen. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla)

- Both bills died in committee.

EDUCATION

HB 59 and SB 480 Student Data Privacy

Rep. Shev Jones (D-West Park); Sen. Oscar Braynon II (D-Miami Gardens)

- Both bills died in committee.

SB 7004 and HB 7005 OGSR/Commission for Independent Education

S. Higher Education Committee; H. Government Operations Subcommittee

- SB 7004 was tabled; HB 7005 was approved by both chambers. **See HB 7005.**

ENVIRONMENT

HB 559 and SB 846 Exemption/Location of Artificial Reefs

Rep. Brad Drake (R-Marianna); Sen. Greg Evers (R-Pensacola)

- Both bills died in committee.

EVIDENCE

HB 131 Use of Intercepted Wire or Oral Communications

Rep. Jared Evan Moskowitz (D-Coral Springs)

- Died in committee.

SB 218 Interception and Recording of Oral Communications: Allows a minor who is a victim of sexual abuse to intercept and record an oral communication of the abuser without the abuser's knowledge or consent. Amends s. 934.03, F.S. *Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-New Port Richey)*

- Withdrawn from consideration.

CS/SB 542 and HB 7001 Interception of Wire, Oral, or Electronic Communication

Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto (R-Fort Myers); H. Criminal Justice Subcommittee

- CS/SB 542 was tabled; HB 7001 was approved by both chambers. **See HB 7001.**

EXAMINATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS

HB 505 and SB 514 Baker Act Revisions

Rep. Lori Berman (D-Boynton Beach); Sen. Joseph Abruzzo (D-Wellington)

- Both bills died in committee.

CS/HB 997 and CS/SB 1446 Exemption/Investigations – Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Rep. Jay Trumbull (R-Panama City); Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples)

- CS/HB 997 was approved by both chambers; CS/SB 1446 was tabled. **See CS/HB 997.**

CS/SB 1536 and HB 7061 Exemption/Florida RICO Act Investigations

Sen. Anitere Flores (R-Miami); H. Civil Justice Subcommittee

- CS/SB 1536 was tabled; HB 7061 was approved by both chambers. **See HB 7061.**

SB 7010 and HB 7053 OGSR/Examination Techniques – Office of Financial Regulation

S. Banking and Insurance Committee; H. Government Operations Subcommittee

- SB 7010 was approved by both chambers; HB 7053 was tabled. **See SB 7010.**

SB 7032 and HB 7129 Exemption/Identifying Information – Deceased Children

S. Health Policy Committee; H. Government Operations Subcommittee

- SB 7032 was approved by both chambers; HB 7129 was tabled. **See SB 7032.**

HB 7065 Exemption/Child Pornography

H. Criminal Justice Subcommittee

- Died on H. Calendar.

INSURANCE

HB 805 and SB 1268 Exemption/Bodily Injury Liability Insurance Policies

Rep. Carlos Trujillo (R-Doral); Sen. Darren Soto (D-Kissimmee)

- Both bills died in committee.

MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS

CS/SB 7040 and CS/HB 7041 Exemption/Email Addresses – Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

S. Transportation Committee; H. Highway and Waterway Safety Subcommittee

- CS/SB 7040 was approved by both chambers; CS/HB 7041 was tabled. **See CS/SB 7040.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

CS/HB 151 and CS/SB 538 Sexual Cyberharassment

Rep. Tom Goodson (R-Titusville); Sen. David Simmons (R-Altamonte Springs)

- CS/HB 151 was tabled; CS/SB 538 was approved by both chambers. **See CS/SB 538.**

HB 171 and SB 1272 Exemption/Personal Information – Emergency Information Systems

Rep. Katie Edwards (D-Sunrise); Sen. Joseph Abruzzo (R-Wellington)

- Both bills died in committee.

CS/HB 179 and CS/SB 200 Exemption/Email Addresses – Tax Collectors

Rep. Dane Eagle (R-Cape Coral); Sen. Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater)

- CS/HB 179 was tabled; CS/SB 200 was approved by both chambers. **See CS/SB 200.**

CS/HB 185 and CS/SB 674 Exemption/Home Addresses – U.S. Military Personnel

Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Shalimar); Sen. Greg Evers (R-Pensacola)

- CS/HB 185 was approved by both chambers; CS/SB 674 was tabled. **See CS/HB 185.**

SB 276 Publication/Mug Shots

Sen. Maria Lorts Sachs (D-Delray Beach)

- Died in committee.

HB 535 and CS/SB 552 Exemption/Individual Identifying Information – Homeless Management Information System

Rep. Chris Latvala (R-Clearwater); Sen. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla)

- HB 535 died in committee; CS/SB 552 died in House Messages.

CS/SB 646 and CS/HB 939 Exemption/Florida ABLE Program

Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto (R-Fort Myers); Rep. Ray Wesley Rodrigues (R-Fort Myers)

- CS/SB 646 was approved by both chambers; CS/HB 939 was tabled. **See CS/SB 646.**

HB 1097 Exemption/Medical Marijuana Patient Registry

Rep. John Wood (R-Winter Haven)

- Died in committee.

SB 1504 Exemption/Florida Health Access Marketplace: Creates a public record exemption for personally identifiable financial information, tax returns, and personally identifiable health information obtained by the Florida Health Access Marketplace. Creates s. 641.815, F.S. *Sen. Darren Soto (D-Kissimmee)*

- Died in committee.

CS/SB 7000 and HB 7011 OGSR/Personal Information – Public Transit Providers

S. Community Affairs Committee; H. Government Operations Subcommittee

- CS/HB 7000 tabled; HB 7011 was approved by both chambers. **See HB 7011.**

SB 7016 and HB 7049 OGSR/Identifying Information – Minors

S. Judiciary Committee; H. Government Operations Subcommittee

- SB 7016 was approved by both chambers; HB 7049 was tabled. **See SB 7016.**

CS/SB 7034 and HB 7101 OGSR/Identifying Information – Stalking Victims

S. Ethics and Elections Committee; H. Government Operations Subcommittee

- CS/SB 7034 was approved by both chambers; HB 7101 was tabled. **See CS/SB 7034.**

PRIVACY

CS/HB 571 and SB 1530 Florida Privacy Protection Act

Rep. Ray Wesley Rodrigues (R-Fort Myers); Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg)

- Both bills died in committee.

CS/HB 649 and CS/SB 766 Drone Surveillance

Rep. Larry Metz (R-Groveland); Sen. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange)

- CS/HB 649 was tabled; CS/SB 766 was approved by both chambers. **See CS/SB 766.**

HB 979 and SB 1178 Florida Drone Privacy Act

Rep. Jimmie Smith (R-Inverness); Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples)

- Both bills died in committee.

PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

CS/HB 91 and CS/SB 564 Exemption/Financial Information

Rep. Ray Pilon (R-Sarasota); Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples)

- Both bills died on the House Calendar.

CS/HB 93 and CS/SB 566 Trade Secret Exemptions

Rep. Ray Pilon (R-Sarasota); Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples)

- Both bills died on the House Calendar.

CS/HB 1209 and SB 1582 Exemption/Trade Secrets – High-Pressure Well Stimulation Chemical Disclosure Registry

Rep. Ray Wesley Rodrigues (R-Fort Myers); Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples)

- CS/HB 1209 died on the House Calendar; SB 1582 died on the Senate Calendar.

HB 1235 Exemption/Proprietary Business Information – Department of Gaming Control

Rep. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

- Died in committee.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS

CS/HB 141 and CS/SB 144 Exemption/Home Addresses – Impaired Practitioner Consultants

Rep. Doc Renuart (R-Ponte Vedra Beach); Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville)

- CS/HB 141 was tabled; CS/SB 144 was approved by both chambers. **See CS/SB 144.**

CS/HB 1015 and CS/SB 1324 Exemption/Agency Personnel Information

Rep. Chrwas Latvala (R-Clearwater); Sen. Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater)

- CS/HB 1015 died in committee; CS/SB 1324 died on the calendar.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

CS/HB 1041 and CS/SB 1312 Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP)

Rep. Jared Evan Moskowitz (D-Coral Springs); Sen. David Simmons (R-Altamonte Springs)

- CS/HB 1041 was tabled; CS/SB 1312 was approved by both chambers. **See CS/SB 1312.**

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

CS/SB 716 and CS/HB 1287 Exemption/Veterinary Medical Practice

Sen. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla); Rep. Doc Renuart (R-Ponte Vedra Beach)

- CS/SB 716 was approved by both chambers; CS/HB 1287 was tabled. **See CS/SB 716.**

SB 7008 and HB 7051 OGSR/Licensure Examinations – Funeral Board

S. Banking and Insurance Committee; H. Government Operations Subcommittee

- SB 7008 was approved by both chambers; HB 7051 was tabled. **See SB 7008.**

SB 7012 and HB 7089 OGSR/Credit History and Credit Scores – Office of Financial Regulation

S. Banking and Insurance Committee; H. Government Operations Subcommittee

- SB 7012 was approved by both chambers; HB 7089 was tabled. **See SB 7012.**

SECURITY

HB 537 and CS/SB 962 Exemption/CDD Surveillance Videos

Rep. Danny Burgess (R- Zephyrhills); Sen. John Legg (R-Lutz)

- HB 537 died on House calendar; CS/SB 962 died in committee.

SOCIAL MEDIA

SB 126 Social Media Privacy

Sen. Jeff Clemens (D-Lake Worth)

- Died in committee.

TRANSPARENCY

CS/HB 549 and CS/SB 1114 Membership Associations

Rep. Manny Diaz, Jr. (R-Hialeah); Sen. Kelli Stargel (R-Lakeland)

- CS/HB 549 was approved by the House and died in Senate Messages; CS/SB 1114 died on the Senate Calendar.

CS/HB 985 and CS/SB 1284 Maintenance of Agency Final Orders

Rep. Eric Eisnaugle (R-Orlando); Sen. Darren Soto (D-Kissimmee)

- CS/HB 985 was approved by both chambers; CS/SB 1284 was tabled. **See CS/HB 985.**

VOTER INFORMATION

HB 227 and CS/SB 228 and HB 7143 Online Voter Registration

Rep. Alan Williams (D-Tallahassee); Sen. Jeff Clemens (D-Lake Worth); H. State Affairs Committee

- HB 227 died in committee; CS/SB 228 was approved by both chambers; HB 7143 was tabled. **See CS/SB 228.**

OPEN GOVERNMENT BILLS PASSED IN 2015 SESSION

1) CS/HB 7 Exemption/Minor Claim Settlements: Creates an exemption for court records relating to the settlement of a claim relating to guardianship on behalf of a minor or ward. Allows access to such records by a guardian ad litem, the minor if over 14, and the minor's attorney. Amends s. 744.3701, F.S. Similar to SB 360. *Rep. Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples)*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

2) CS/SB 144 Exemption/Home Addresses – Impaired Practitioner Consultants: Creates an exemption for the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner consultants and their employees whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession. Also exempts the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel, and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by their children. Requires consultants and employees to make reasonable efforts to protect such information from being accessible through other means available to the public. Amends s. 119.071, F.S. Companion to HB 141. *Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville)*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

3) CS/HB 185 Exemption/Home Addresses – U.S. Military Personnel: Creates a public record exemption for the home addresses, telephone numbers, and photographs of current or former service members of the U.S. Armed Forces, a reserve component of the Armed Forces, or the National Guard who served after September 11, 2001. Also exempts the home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such service members, and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by their children. Requires such personnel to request confidentiality in writing and take reasonable steps to protect such information from being accessible through other means available to the public. Applies retroactively. Creates s. 119.071(5)(k), F.S. Companion to SB 674. *Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Shalimar)* *Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Shalimar)* ☹

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

4) CS/SB 200 Exemption/Email Addresses – Tax Collectors: Creates a public record exemption for a taxpayer's email address held by a tax collector for the purposes of sending tax notices or obtaining the taxpayer's consent to send tax notices. Creates s. 197.3225, F.S. Companion to HB 179. *Sen. Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater)* ☹

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

5) CS/SB 228 Online Voter Registration: Requires the Florida Department of State to develop an online voter registration system via a secure Internet website by October 1, 2017, setting standards for the system and stipulating that all information submitted online must be verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Requires a comprehensive risks assessment of the system before it is publicly available and every two years thereafter. Creates s. 97.0525, F.S. Companion to HB 227. *Sen. Jeff Clemens (D-Lake Worth)* DOES NOT CREATE AN EXEMPTION

- Passed the Senate by a vote of 34/3. The House amended the bill and passed the bill, as amended, by a vote of 109/9. The Senate concurred in the House amendment and passed CS/SB 228 by a vote of 37/3.

Senate Votes: http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0228/Vote/SenateVote_s0228c2003.PDF

http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0228/Vote/SenateVote_s0228c2050.PDF

House Vote: http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0228/Vote/HouseVote_s0228c2372.PDF

6) CS/SB 248 Body Cameras/Recording of Law Enforcement Activities: Creates a public record exemption for body camera recordings taken (1) within the interior of a private residence; (2) at a health care, mental health care, or social services facility; and (3) in a place where a person recorded or depicted in the recording has a reasonable expectation of privacy. Allows disclosure of the recording in furtherance of the law enforcement agency's official duties and responsibilities; to other governmental entities in furtherance of official duties and responsibilities; and pursuant to a court order under certain specified conditions. Allows disclosure of certain portions of the recording to anyone recorded or to his/her personal representative. Finally, requires that body camera recordings be retained for a minimum of 90 days. Applies retroactively. Creates s. 119.071(2)(1), F.S. *Sen. Chris Smith (D-Fort Lauderdale)* ☹️

- Passed the Senate by a vote of 36/2 and the House by a vote of 112/2.

Senate Vote: <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0248>

House Vote: http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0248/Vote/HouseVote_s0248e1356.PDF

7) HB 467 Exemption/Human Trafficking Victims: Expands the public record exemption for criminal intelligence and criminal investigative information to include any information revealing the identity of human trafficking victims under the age of 18. Amends s. 119.071(2)(h), F.S. Companion to SB 1108. *Rep. Ross Spano (R-Riverview)*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

8) HB 469 Exemption/Safe Houses – Sexual Exploitation Victims: Creates a public record exemption about the location of a safe house, safe foster home, or other residential facility serving victims of sexual exploitation. Also creates an exemption for information about the location of a residential facility offering services for adult victims of human trafficking involving commercial sexual activity. Stipulates that the exemption does not apply to facilities licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). Creates s. 407.1678(6) and s. 787.06, F.S. Companion to SB 1110. *Rep. Ross Spano (R-Riverview)*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

9) CS/SB 538 Disclosure of Sexually Explicit Images: Creates the crime of sexual cyber-harassment, defined as the Internet publication of sexually explicit images of a person that identifies the person in the image without that person's consent and with the intent to cause substantial emotional distress to the person. Stipulates that a person who willfully and maliciously sexually cyber-harasses someone is guilty of a first-degree misdemeanor. Creates s. 784.049, F.S. Companion to HB 151. *Sen. David Simmons (R-Altamonte Springs)* DOES NOT CREATE AN EXEMPTION

- Passed the Senate unanimously; amended by the House and passed, as amended, by a vote of 114/2. The Senate concurred in the House amendment and passed CS/SB 538 by a vote of 38/2.

House Vote: http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0538/Vote/HouseVote_s0538c2358.PDF

Senate Vote: http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/0538/Vote/SenateVote_s0538c2051.PDF

10) CS/SB 646 Exemption/Florida ABLE Program: SB 642 creates the Florida Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act, requiring the Florida Prepaid College Board to establish a direct support organization known as Florida ABLE, Inc., to assist the disabled in saving money without losing their eligibility for state and federal benefits. CS/SB 646 creates a public record exemption for personal financial and health information of participants in the program held by the Florida Prepaid College Board, Florida

ABLE Inc., or the Florida ABLE program. Creates s. 1009.987, F.S. Companion to HB 939. *Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto (R-Fort Myers)*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

11) CS/SB 716 Exemption/Veterinary Medical Practice: Creates a public record exemption for medical records relating to (1) diagnosing the medical condition of any animal; (2) prescribing, dispensing, or administering drugs, medicine, and appliances; and (3) treatments for prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, or disease of any animal held by a state college of veterinary medicine. Creates s. 474.2167, F.S. Companion to HB 1287. *Sen. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla)*

- Passed the Senate by a vote of 37/1, with Sen. Hukill voting no. Passed the House unanimously.

12) CS/SB 766 Drone Surveillance: Creates the Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act, prohibiting the use of drones to record images of privately owned or occupied real property or of the owner, tenant, occupant, invitee, or licensee of such property with the intent to conduct surveillance of the individual or property in violation of a reasonable expectation of privacy without written consent. Provides exceptions. Amends s. 934.50, F.S. Companion to HB 649. *Sen. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange)* DOES NOT CREATE AN EXEMPTION

- Passed the Senate by a vote of 37/2, with Sens. Bradley and Richter voting no. Passed the House unanimously.

13) HB 985 Maintenance of Agency Final Orders: Requires agencies subject to chapter 120, the Administrative Procedures Act, to provide the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) with electronic copies of agency final orders for inclusion in a centralized electronic database maintained by DOAH and available through its website. Amends s. 120.53. Companion to SB 1284. *Rep. Eric Eisnaugle (R-Orlando)*

😊 DOES NOT CREATE AN EXEMPTION

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

14) CS/HB 997 Exemption/Investigations – Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services: Creates a public record exemption for information held by the Department as part of a joint or multiagency examination or investigation with another state or federal agency. Also exempts criminal or civil intelligence, investigative information, or any other information held by the Department which is received from other state or federal regulatory, administrative, or criminal justice agencies. Creates s. 570.077, F.S. Companion to SB 1446. *Rep. Jay Trumbull (R-Panama City)*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

15) CS/SB 1312 Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPP): Section 768.295, F.S., prohibits strategic lawsuits against public participation (SLAPP) suits by government agencies in order to protect the rights of Floridians to speak freely in connection with public issues. CS/SB 1312 amends s. 768.295, F.S., to prohibit lawsuits against public participation (SLAPP) suits by persons or government agencies against those who are exercising their constitutional rights of free speech in connection with public issues. CS/SB 1312 expands the definition of “free speech in connection with public issues” to include statements made before a governmental entity in connection with public business and statements made in connection with plays, movies, television programs, radio broadcasts, audiovisual works, books, magazine articles, musical works, and news reports. Amends s. 768.295, F.S. Companion to HB 1041. *Sen. David Simmons (R-Altamonte Springs)* 😊 DOES NOT CREATE AN EXEMPTION

- Passed the Senate unanimously; passed the House by a vote of 114/1, with Rep. Mia Jones voting no.

16) HB 7001 Intercepting and Recording Oral Communications: Allows a child under the age of 18 to intercept and record an oral communication if the child is a party to the communication and has reasonable grounds to believe the communication will capture statements by another party that the other party intends to commit, is committing, or has committed an unlawful sexual act of physical force or violence against the child. Amends s. 934.03, F.S. Companion to SB 542. *H. Criminal Justice Subcommittee*
DOES NOT CREATE AN EXEMPTION

- Passed the House by a vote of 115/1, with Rep. Geller voting no; the Senate amended the bill and it passed unanimously. The House concurred in the Senate amendment and HB 7001 was passed unanimously.

17) HB 7005 OGSR/Commission for Independent Education: Reenacts, without modification, s. 1005.38(6)(b), F.S. providing a limited exemption for investigative records of the Commission for Independent Education, allowing the Commission to close meetings of the probable cause panel at which such investigations are discussed. The meetings must be recorded, and both the investigative record and the recordings of the closed meetings are subject to disclosure 10 days after a determination regarding probable cause. Reenacts s. 1005.38(6)(b), F.S. Companion to SB 7004. *H. Government Operations Subcommittee*

- Passed the House by a vote of 116/1, with Rep. Rehwinkel-Vasilinda voting no. Passed the Senate unanimously.

18) SB 7008 OGSR/Licensure Examinations – Funeral Board: Reenacts, without modification, s. 497.172(1), F.S., providing an exemption for portions of meetings of the Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services Board at which licensure questions and answers are discussed. Reenacts s. 497.172(1), F.S. Companion to HB 7051. *S. Banking and Insurance*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

19) SB 7010 OGSR/Examination Techniques – Office of Financial Regulation: Reenacts, with minor modifications, s. 517.2016, F.S., providing a public record exemption for information that would reveal examination techniques or procedures used by the Office of Financial Regulation. Reenacts s. 517.2016, F.S. Companion to HB 7053. *S. Banking and Insurance*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

20) HB 7011 OGSR/Personal Information – Public Transit Providers: Reenacts s. 341.3026, F.S., providing a public record exemption for personal identifying information held by a public transit provider, renumbering the exemption as s. 341.5021, F.S. Companion to SB 7000. *H. Government Operations Subcommittee*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

21) SB 7012 OGSR/Credit History and Credit Scores – Office of Financial Regulation: Reenacts, without modification, s. 494.00125(3), F.S., providing a public record exemption for credit history information and credit scores related to licensing of mortgage brokers and lenders held by the Office of Financial Regulation in compliance with the federal S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008. Reenacts s. 494.00125(3), F.S. Companion to HB 7089. *S. Banking and Insurance*

- Passed the Senate unanimously; passed the House by a vote of 114/1, with Rep. Tobia voting no.

22) SB 7016 OGSR/Identifying Information – Minors: Reenacts, without modification, s. 390.0116(2), F.S., providing an exemption for information that would identify a minor petitioning a circuit court for a judicial waiver under the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. Reenacts s. 390.0116(2), F.S. Companion to HB 7049.

S. Judiciary

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

23) SB 7032 Exemption/Identifying Information – Deceased Children: Creates a public record exemption for information identifying the surviving siblings of a child whose death occurred as a result of a verified report of abuse or neglect held by the State Child Abuse Death Review Committee. Also exempts information held by the Committee that reveals the identity of a deceased child whose death was reported to the central abuse hotline but determined not to be the result of abuse or neglect. Allows disclosure of the protected information under certain circumstances. Amends s. 383.412, F.S. Companion to HB 7129.

S. Health Policy

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

24) CS/SB 7034 OGSR/Identifying Information – Stalking Victims: Transfers, renumbers, and reenacts, without modification, a public record exemption for the names, addresses, and telephone numbers contained in the voter registration records of persons who are victims of stalking or aggravated stalking if the victim complies with procedures for registering with the Office of the Attorney General under ss. 741.401 – 741.409, F.S. Creates s. 741.4651, F.S. Companion to HB 7101. *S. Ethics and Elections*

- Passed both chambers unanimously.

25) CS/SB 7040 Exemption/Email Addresses – Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles: Creates a public record exemption for email addresses collected by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Amends s. 119.0712. Companion to HB 7041. *S. Transportation* ☹️

- Passed the Senate by a vote of 38/1, with Sen. Joyner voting no. Passed the House by a vote of 112/4.

House Vote: http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2015/7040/Vote/HouseVote_s7040c2384.PDF

26) HB 7061 Exemption/Florida RICO Act Investigations: Creates a public record exemption for information relating to a RICO Act violation until such time as all investigations relating to such information are completed. Amends s. 895.06, F.S. Companion to SB 1536. *H. Civil Justice*

- Passed the House by a vote of 113/1, with Rep. Gaetz voting no. The Senate adopted a minor technical amendment and passed the amended bill unanimously. The House concurred in the Senate amendment and passed HB 7061 by a final vote of 116/2, with Reps. Gaetz and Rehwinkel-Vasilinda voting no.