

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Fiscal Policy

SB 322 — Public Records and Meetings

by Senator Burton

The bill creates public records and public meeting exemptions for the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact, and the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

The bill protects from public disclosure the personal identifying information of a physician, audiologist, speech-language pathologist, physical therapist, and physical therapist assistant, other than the individual's name, licensure status, or license number, obtained from the coordinated licensure system or database (coordinated system) under the applicable compact and held by the Department of Health or applicable board, unless the state that originally reported the information to the coordinated system authorizes the disclosure by law.

The bill exempts a meeting or a portion of a meeting of the compact commissions if the commission discusses specified topics or items that are exempt from disclosure under federal or state law. Recordings, minutes, and records generated during an exempt commission meeting are exempted under the bill from the public records provisions in s. 119.07(1), F.S., and Art. I, s. 24(a), State Constitution.

The exemptions are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature. The bill provides a statement of public necessity as required by the State Constitution.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on the same date that SB 7016 takes effect.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 118-0