

## Committee on Ethics and Elections

### **CS/HB 1075 — Public Records**

by Government Operations Committee; and Reps. Rangel and Campbell (CS/SB 1318 by Ethics and Elections Committee and Senator Soto)

CS/HB 1075 creates a public record exemption for a complaint of misconduct filed with an agency against an agency employee, and all information obtained pursuant to the investigation by the agency of the complaint of misconduct. The information is confidential and exempt from public record requirements until the investigation ceases to be active, or until the agency provides written notice to the employee who is the subject of the complaint that the agency concluded the investigation and either will or will not proceed with disciplinary action or file charges. The bill provides for repeal of the exemption on October 2, 2018, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature. In addition, the bill provides a statement of public necessity.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

*Vote: Senate 36-0; House 85-30*