

## Committee on Criminal Justice

### **HB 7061 — Public Records/Florida RICO Act**

by Civil Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Passidomo (CS/SB 1536 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Flores)

This bill makes confidential and exempt from public disclosure information held by an investigative agency pursuant to an investigation of a violation of the Florida Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) Act. The bill provides a public necessity statement in support of the exemption.

This confidential and exempt information may be disclosed by the investigative agency to a governmental entity in the performance of its official duties and to a court or tribunal.

The information is no longer confidential and exempt once all investigations to which the information pertains are completed, unless the information is otherwise protected by law. An investigation is considered complete once the investigative agency either files an action or closes its investigation without filing an action.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stands repealed on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 116-2*