The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Hays) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 38 - 75 and insert:

performance of its duties and responsibilities and may be disclosed pursuant to s. 474.2165.

(3) The exemption from public records requirements under subsection (1) applies to animal medical records held before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

(4) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that a medical record that relates to diagnosing the medical condition of an animal; prescribing, dispensing, or administering drugs, medicine, appliances, applications, or treatment of whatever nature for the prevention, cure, or relief of a wound, fracture, bodily injury, or disease of an animal; or performing a manual procedure for the diagnosis of or treatment for pregnancy or fertility or infertility of an animal, which is held by a state college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education, be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that any such medical record that is transferred by a previous records owner in connection with the transaction of official business by a state college of veterinary medicine that is accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education and that is held by such state college be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that this exemption apply to such animal medical records held by such a state college of veterinary medicine before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption. The Legislature finds that the release of such animal medical records compromises the confidentiality protections.
otherwise afforded the owners of such animals treated by licensed veterinarians in this state pursuant to chapter 474.

The Legislature finds that the owners of animals have the right to the privacy of the medical records of their animals. The Legislature finds that this exemption permits a state college of veterinary medicine accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education to effectively and efficiently carry out its mission to educate students in veterinary medicine. Without this exemption this mission would be significantly impaired.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 9 and insert:

applicability of the exemption; providing