

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

SB 7008 — OGSR/Substance Abuse Impaired Persons

by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee

The bill saves from repeal the public records exemption for all petitions for involuntary assessment and stabilization, pleadings, court orders, and related records filed with or by a court under Part V of the Marchman Act, relating to involuntary admissions procedures. Such information is confidential and exempt from public record requirements but may be disclosed by the clerk of the court under certain circumstances to specific parties and entities.

The public records exemption stands repealed on October 2, 2022, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature under the Open Government Sunset Review Act. The bill removes the scheduled repeal of the exemption to continue the confidential and exempt status of the petitions, court orders, and related records.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 113-0