

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

CS/CS/HB 23 — Pub. Rec./Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program

by State Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee; and Reps. Salzman, Michael, and others (CS/CS/SB 26 by Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Senators Rouson, Davis, and Pizzo)

The bill makes confidential and exempt from public records copying and inspection requirements the personal identifying information in an application of an individual applying for compensation through the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program (Program). The bill provides that the information made confidential and exempt may be released to the Department of Education for the purpose of facilitating the award of high school diplomas to individuals compensated through the Program.

The bill makes findings, as required by the State Constitution, that the new exemption from public records disclosure is a public necessity.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.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 is linked to CS/HB 21, which creates the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect on the same date as CS/HB 21 or similar legislation takes effect.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 117-0