

## Committee on Judiciary

### **CS/CS/SB 280 — Public Records/Participants in Treatment-based Drug Court Programs**

by Rules Committee; Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; and Senator Garcia

The bill creates a public records exemption for information relating to a participant or a person considered for participation in a treatment-based drug court program which is contained in the following records:

- Screenings for participation in the program.
- Substance abuse screenings.
- Behavioral health evaluations.
- Subsequent treatment status reports.

This bill provides that records may be released by consent of the participant or to governmental entities.

The bill provides that the exemption is subject to legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act. The bill also contains a statement of public necessity as required by the Florida Constitution.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

*Vote: Senate 38-0; House 111-0*