

Committee on Education

CS/SB 648 — OGSR/K-12 Education Records

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Montford

The bill continues the current public records exemption for education records of students in kindergarten through grade twelve held by an educational agency or institution. Section 1002.221, Florida Statutes, makes education records of students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements.

Agencies and institutions that are part of Florida's education system may not release a student's education records, or personally identifiable information therein, without written consent from the student or student's parent except in accordance with federal law. Release of a student's records without consent is permitted within parties to an interagency agreement among the Department of Juvenile Justice, the school, law enforcement, and other signatory agencies to determine the appropriate programs and services for a juvenile or the juvenile's family.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 112-0