

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2014 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/CS/HB 711 — Public Meetings and Public Records/Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant Advisory Board

by Government Operations Subcommittee; Health Quality Subcommittee; and Rep. Hudson and others (CS/SB 840 by Health Policy and Senator Richter)

The bill creates a public records exemption for applications submitted to the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant Advisory Board and records, except the final recommendations, generated by the board during its review. The information is confidential and exempt, but may be released, however, with the express written consent of the person to whom the information pertains or the person’s legally authorized representative, or by court order upon showing of good cause.

The bill further provides that those portions of the board’s meeting at which the grant applications are discussed are exempt from the public meetings law. However, the meeting must be recorded and the recording may be released under the same circumstances as the records.

The exemptions are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect on the same date that SB 872 takes effect.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 111-2