

Committee on Commerce and Tourism

CS/CS/SB 182 — Public Records and Meetings/Trade Secrets

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; Commerce and Tourism Committee; and Senator Richter

The bill (Chapter 2016-6, L.O.F.) reenacts several public records exemptions of trade secret information to conform to the s. 812.081, F.S., definition of “trade secret,” which was amended by CS/SB 180 to expressly include financial information. These exemptions protect financial information deemed to be trade secrets from public disclosure.

The bill provides that the public record exemptions are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stand repealed on October 2, 2021, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. It also provides a public necessity statement as required by the Florida Constitution.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect on October 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 111-7