

Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 873 — Pub. Rec./Execution Information

by Rep. Maney and others (SB 1204 by Senator Broxson)

The bill creates a public records exemption for certain persons or entities involved in executions. Specifically, the bill makes confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), F.S., and Art. 1, s. 24(a), State Constitution, information or records that identify or could reasonably lead to the identification of any person or entity that participates in, has participated in, or will participate in an execution, including those who administer, compound, dispense, distribute, maintain, manufacture, order, prepare, prescribe, provide, purchase, or supply drugs, chemicals, supplies, or equipment needed to conduct an execution.

The bill makes the exemption applicable to information and records held by the Department of Corrections before, on, or after the effective date of the bill.

This exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and stands repealed on October 2, 2027, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

Vote: Senate 28-10; House 84-32