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Representative Massullo offered the following:

Amendment

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Remove lines 29-100 and insert:

- 2. Financial information related to any contract or agreement, or an addendum thereto, with an agency. Such financial information includes the amount of money paid, any payment structure or plan, expenditures, incentives, bonuses, fees, and penalties.
- (2) PUBLIC RECORD EXEMPTION.—A trade secret held by an agency is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
 - (3) NOTICE OF TRADE SECRET.—

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(a) If a person who submits records to an agency claims		
that such submission contains a trade secret, such person shall		
submit to the agency a notice of trade secret when such records		
are submitted to the agency. Failure to submit such notice		
constitutes a waiver of any claim by such person that the record		
contains a trade secret. The notice must provide the name,		
telephone number, and mailing address of the person claiming the		
record contains a trade secret. Such person is responsible for		
updating his or her contact information with the agency.		

- (b) Each page of a record or specific portion of a record that contains a trade secret must be clearly marked with the words "trade secret."
- (c) In submitting a notice of trade secret to the agency, the submitting party shall verify to the agency through a written declaration in the manner provided in s. 92.525 the following:

[...I have/my company has...] read the definition of a trade secret in s. 688.01, Florida Statutes, and [...I believe/my company believes...] the information contained in this record is a trade secret as defined in s. 688.01, Florida Statutes.

[...I have/my company has...] taken measures to prevent the disclosure of the record or specific portion of a record claimed to be a trade secret to anyone other than those who have been

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selected to have access for limited purposes, and [...I intend/my company intends...] to continue to take such measures.

The record or specific portion of a record claimed to be a trade secret is not, and has not been, reasonably obtainable without [...my/our...] consent by other persons by use of legitimate means.

The record or specific portion of a record claimed to be a trade secret is not publicly available elsewhere.

(4) RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS.—

- (a) If an agency receives a request for a public record and the requested record or a specific portion of the record is marked and verified as containing a trade secret, the agency shall, as soon as practical, notify the person who requested the record or specific portion of the record that is marked and verified as containing a trade secret. The notice must inform the person requesting such record of the process outlined in paragraph (b) and direct such person to respond to the notice if he or she desires access to the record marked and verified as containing a trade secret.
- (b) If the person requesting the record indicates he or she desires access to the requested record or a specific portion of the record that has been marked and verified as containing a trade secret, the agency shall promptly notify the person who verified the record, or specific portion of the record, as

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containing a trade secret of the request. The notice shall be sent to the address provided to the agency and must inform such person that, in order to avoid disclosure of the trade secret, the person must file an action in circuit court within 30 days after the date of the notice seeking a declaratory judgment that the record in question contains a trade secret and an order barring public disclosure of the record. If an action is filed, the agency must notify the person who requested the record.

- (c) The petition or other initial pleading shall be served on the agency.
- (d) 1. Whenever an action is filed pursuant to this section, the court shall set an immediate hearing, giving the case priority over other pending cases.
- 2. If a court determines that the record in question does not contain a trade secret, the agency must make the record available to the requester within 48 hours, unless otherwise provided by the court issuing such order, or unless the appellate court issues a stay order within the 48-hour period.
- 3. Upon service of a petition or other initial pleading in an action brought under this section, the agency may not transfer custody, alter, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the record sought until the court makes a determination regarding whether the record contains a trade secret.

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- (e) The agency may not release the record pending the outcome of the legal action. Failure to file an action within 30 days after the date of the notice constitutes a waiver of any claim of confidentiality, and the agency shall release the record as requested.
- (f) Any action under this subsection must be brought in the county in which the agency in possession of the record is headquartered.
- g) If the person who requested the record or specific portion of the record marked and verified as containing a trade secret notifies the agency that he or she no longer desires access to such record, the agency shall notify the person who verified the record or specific portion of the record as containing a trade secret that the person requesting the record no longer desires access. The agency must notify the person who verified such record that the request has been withdrawn and that obtaining a declaratory judgment is no longer necessary. If the records request is withdrawn prior to a judicial finding, the agency must continue to maintain the confidentiality of such record.

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