A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the insurance consumer advocate;
amending s. 627.0613, F.S.; authorizing the insurance
consumer advocate to collect certain information from
entities issued a certificate of authority by the
Office of Insurance Regulation; providing an effective
date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 627.0613,
Florida Statutes, to read:

627.0613 Consumer advocate.—The Chief Financial Officer
must appoint a consumer advocate who must represent the general
public of the state before the department and the office. The
consumer advocate must report directly to the Chief Financial
Officer, but is not otherwise under the authority of the
department or of any employee of the department. The consumer
advocate has such powers as are necessary to carry out the
duties of the office of consumer advocate, including, but not
limited to, the powers to:

(5) Collect information from any entity issued a
certificate of authority by the Office of Insurance Regulation
relating to subject matter that is necessary to carry out the
duties of the office of consumer advocate. Aggregate information
may include information asserted as trade secret information
unless the trade secret information can be individually
extrapolated, in which case the trade secret information remains
protected as provided in s. 624.4213.
Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.