

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

House Amendment 1 - 865807

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

House Amendment 1 – 865807: This amendment provides that a complaint and any information held by the Department of Elder Affairs (the DOEA) as part of an investigation of potential guardian misconduct is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), F.S., and s. 24(a), Art. 1 of the Florida Constitution until the investigation is completed or ceases to be active. The amendment defines ‘active’ to mean investigations where the DOEA is continuing with a reasonable, good faith belief that the investigation may lead to a finding that a guardian has violated the standards of practice established by the Office of Public and Professional Guardians (the OPPG). This narrows the current exemption.

The amendment also narrows the current exemption to only require that all photographs and video recordings of either a complainant or ward in a guardianship case being investigated by the OPPG remain confidential and exempt once the investigation is completed or ceases to be active. Currently, all photographs and video recordings that are part of an investigation retain their confidential and exempt status at all times unless the disclosure is required by court order.