

## Committee on Regulated Industries

### **CS/SB 7008 — OGSR/Department of the Lottery**

by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee; Regulated Industries Committee; and Senator Hooper

The bill saves from repeal the current public records exemption in s. 24.1051, F.S., making confidential and exempt from public inspection and copying requirements certain information held by the Florida Department of the Lottery (department). Specifically, the bill continues the exemptions from public disclosure for records held by the department related to the operations and processes of the department. The exemptions are necessary to protect the security and integrity of lottery operations and to allow the department to participate in multistate lottery games. Information held by the department is designated as confidential and exempt but may be disclosed to other governmental entities in the performance of their duties.

The exemptions are subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act (OGSR) and will stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reenacted by the Legislature. The bill removes the scheduled repeal of the exemption to continue the confidential and exempt status of the information. However, public records exemptions relating to the Lottery cybersecurity will be subject to a new repeal date of October 2, 2027. This will correspond with the repeal date for the review and repeal date for the general cybersecurity exemptions under ch. 119, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2024.

*Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0*