

CHAPTER 2011-178

House Bill No. 7159

An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 112.3215, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records and public meetings requirements for certain audits and investigations conducted by the Commission on Ethics; reorganizing the exemptions; making editorial changes; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemptions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (8) of section 112.3215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch or the Constitution Revision Commission; registration and reporting; investigation by commission.—

(8)

~~(d)1.~~ Records relating to an audit conducted pursuant to this section or an investigation conducted pursuant to this section or s. 112.32155 are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, ~~and~~

2. Any portion of a meeting wherein ~~meetings held pursuant to~~ such an investigation or ~~at which such an~~ audit is discussed is ~~are~~ exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

~~3.~~ The exemptions no longer apply if either ~~until~~ the lobbying firm requests in writing that such investigation and associated records and meetings be made public or ~~until~~ the commission determines there is probable cause that the audit reflects a violation of the reporting laws. ~~This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2011, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2011.

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