

CHAPTER 2014-13

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 656

An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 1008.24, F.S., relating to an exemption from public records requirements for certain information held by the Department of Education during active investigations of allegations of testing impropriety; saving the exemption from repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 1008.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.24 Test administration and security; public records exemption.—

(4)

(b) The identity of a school or postsecondary educational institution, personal identifying the personally identifiable information of any personnel of any school district or postsecondary educational institution, or any specific allegations of misconduct obtained or reported pursuant to an investigation conducted by the Department of Education of a testing impropriety are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until the conclusion of the investigation or until such time as the investigation ceases to be active. For the purpose of this paragraph, an investigation ~~is shall be~~ deemed concluded upon a finding that no impropriety has occurred, upon the conclusion of any resulting preliminary investigation pursuant to s. 1012.796, upon the completion of any resulting investigation by a law enforcement agency, or upon the referral of the matter to an employer who has the authority to take disciplinary action against an individual who is suspected of a testing impropriety. For the purpose of this paragraph, an investigation ~~is shall be~~ considered active so long as it is ongoing and there is a reasonable, good faith anticipation that an administrative finding will be made in the foreseeable future. ~~This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2014, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor May 12, 2014.

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