

CHAPTER 2026-10

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1445

An act relating to public records; creating s. 1004.43521, F.S.; providing a public records exemption for specified patient information for the Parkinson's disease registry; authorizing certain information to be disclosed under certain circumstances; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1004.43521, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.43521 Parkinson's disease registry; public records exemption.—

(1) Information held in the Parkinson's disease registry under s. 1004.4352 which identifies a patient is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

(2) Such information may be disclosed to the following:

(a) The Parkinson's Disease Research Board.

(b) A private entity that the board has contracted with to establish and maintain the registry if such entity agrees to:

1. Submit a research plan to the board which specifies the exact nature of the information requested and the intended use of the information;

2. Maintain the confidentiality of the records or information if personal identifying information is made available to the entity;

3. Destroy any confidential records or information obtained after the research is concluded; and

4. Not directly or indirectly contact, for any purpose, any patient.

(3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that is a public necessity that information held in the Parkinson's disease registry under s. 1004.4352, Florida Statutes, which would identify a patient be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Such personal identifying health care information, if publicly available, could be used to invade the personal privacy of the individual

identified in the registry. The Legislature finds that the disclosure of such information could hinder the effective and efficient administration of the registry. Further, the Legislature finds that access to such information could be used to solicit or harass an individual identified in the registry. Therefore, the Legislature finds that information held in the Parkinson's disease registry which would identify a patient should be confidential and exempt from public records requirements.

Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that HB 1443 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

Approved by the Governor March 27, 2026.

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