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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to a review under the Open Government 3 Sunset Review Act; amending s. 397.334, F.S., which 4 provides an exemption from public records requirements 5 for certain information relating to screenings for 6 participation in treatment-based drug court programs, 7 behavioral health evaluations, and subsequent 8 treatment status reports; removing the scheduled 9 repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date. 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12 Subsection (10) of section 397.334, Florida 13 Section 1. Statutes, is amended to read: 14 397.334 Treatment-based drug court programs.-15 (10) (a) Information relating to a participant or a person 16 17 considered for participation in a treatment-based drug court 18 program which is contained in the following records is 19 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I 20 of the State Constitution: 21 Records created or compiled during screenings for 22 participation in the program.

- Records created or compiled during substance abuse screenings.
  - Behavioral health evaluations.

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4. Subsequent treatment status reports.

- (b) Such confidential and exempt information may be disclosed:
- 1. Pursuant to a written request of the participant or person considered for participation, or his or her legal representative.
- 2. To another governmental entity in the furtherance of its responsibilities associated with the screening of a person considered for participation in or the provision of treatment to a person in a treatment-based drug court program.
- (c) Records of a service provider which pertain to the identity, diagnosis, and prognosis of or provision of service to any person shall be disclosed pursuant to s. 397.501(7).
- (d) This exemption applies to such information described in paragraph (a) relating to a participant or a person considered for participation in a treatment-based drug court program before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.
- (e) This subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2019.