

SS HCS HB 820 -- DEATH PENALTY EXECUTION TEAM

This bill requires the Director of the Department of Corrections to select an execution team consisting of medical support personnel and individuals who administer lethal gas or chemicals. Team member identities must be kept confidential, and the departmental record of team members is privileged and not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of forced legal disclosure.

Any current or former member of an execution team whose identity is disclosed without the director's direct consent will have a civil cause of action to seek actual or punitive damages.

Any licensing board or department is prohibited from sanctioning or taking other disciplinary action against the professional license belonging to an execution team member due to his or her lawful participation in an execution. All members of the execution team are entitled to coverage under the State Legal Defense Fund for performing their official duties.