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Bill Analysis

SB 1716 authorizes professional licensing boards to enter into executive session when discussing mental health documents related to a licensee under investigation or review by a professional licensing board, provided the executive session is held only to review documents pertaining to the individual in question, the documents reviewed are kept confidential, and the licensee is given the opportunity to be present during any witness testimony or discussion of the mental health documents. Documents reviewed by the board may be released to an authorized representative of the licensing board as well as the licensee in question. The measure authorizes the release of such records upon receiving a court order for such release. The licensing board may also release the records if the licensee poses a danger to himself or herself or others. Records retained by the board may be destroyed upon request when the licensee retires or resigns from the licensed profession.

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