

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to public records; amending s.  
3       119.071, F.S.; providing a public records exemption  
4       for the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of  
5       birth, and photographs of municipal clerks and their  
6       staff, the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
7       dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
8       spouses and children of municipal clerks and their  
9       staff, and the names and locations of schools and day  
10      care facilities attended by the children of municipal  
11      clerks and their staff; providing for the future  
12      legislative review and repeal of the exemptions;  
13      providing for retroactive application of the  
14      exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity;  
15      providing an effective date.

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17   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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19           **Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section**  
20   **119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

21       119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of  
22   public records.—

23       (4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

24       (d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

25       a. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which

26 an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing  
27 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot  
28 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood  
29 name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive  
30 property information that may reveal the home address.

31 b. "Judicial assistant" means a court employee assigned to  
32 the following class codes: 8140, 8150, 8310, and 8320.

33 c. "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers,  
34 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone  
35 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal  
36 communications devices.

37 2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of  
38 birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement  
39 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by  
40 a law enforcement agency, including correctional and  
41 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of  
42 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of  
43 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal  
44 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties  
45 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and  
46 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments  
47 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and  
48 enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home  
49 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and  
50 places of employment of the spouses and children of such

51 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
52 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
53 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
54 Constitution.

55       b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
56 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
57 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties  
58 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation  
59 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal  
60 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the  
61 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
62 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
63 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
64 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
65 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
66 Constitution.

67       c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
68 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
69 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of  
70 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation  
71 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state  
72 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,  
73 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
74 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
75 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the

76 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
77 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

78       d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
79 and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in  
80 compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone  
81 numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment  
82 of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names  
83 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
84 children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
85 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

86       e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
87 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,  
88 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and  
89 county court judges and current judicial assistants; the names,  
90 home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
91 employment of the spouses and children of current or former  
92 justices and judges and current judicial assistants; and the  
93 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
94 by the children of current or former justices and judges and  
95 current judicial assistants are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
96 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph  
97 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in  
98 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,  
99 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment  
100 by the Legislature.

101           f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
102 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant  
103 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide  
104 prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
105 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
106 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys,  
107 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant  
108 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools  
109 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or  
110 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide  
111 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from  
112 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

113           g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
114 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of  
115 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division  
116 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement  
117 hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
118 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and  
119 children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of  
120 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division  
121 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement  
122 hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day  
123 care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates,  
124 special magistrates, judges of compensation claims,  
125 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative

126 Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are  
127 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
128 Constitution.

129       h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
130 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor  
131 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,  
132 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency  
133 or water management district whose duties include hiring and  
134 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or  
135 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,  
136 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
137 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
138 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
139 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
140 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

141       i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
142 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;  
143 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
144 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
145 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
146 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
147 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
148 Constitution.

149       j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
150 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former

guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.01; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former juvenile probation officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers, juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II, juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant

176 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,  
177 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the  
178 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
179 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
180 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal  
181 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal  
182 conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations  
183 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
184 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders,  
185 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant  
186 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s.  
187 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

188       m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
189 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors  
190 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the  
191 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
192 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current  
193 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and  
194 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
195 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors  
196 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
197 Constitution.

198       n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of  
199 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,  
200 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of

201 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names  
202 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
203 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
204 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

205 o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
206 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department  
207 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination  
208 or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability  
209 benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed  
210 against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health  
211 care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the  
212 Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone  
213 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses  
214 and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of  
215 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such  
216 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
217 the State Constitution.

218 p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
219 and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner  
220 consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former  
221 employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties  
222 result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to  
223 practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses,  
224 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
225 the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees;

226 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities  
227 attended by the children of such consultants or employees are  
228 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
229 Constitution.

230       q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
231 and photographs of current or former emergency medical  
232 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the  
233 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
234 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
235 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and  
236 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
237 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are  
238 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
239 Constitution.

240       r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
241 and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an  
242 agency's office of inspector general or internal audit  
243 department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste,  
244 fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that  
245 could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;  
246 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
247 and places of employment of spouses and children of such  
248 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
249 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
250 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State

251 Constitution.

252 s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
253 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,  
254 supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction  
255 treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers,  
256 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
257 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
258 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
259 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
260 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this  
261 sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means  
262 a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed  
263 pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention,  
264 intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed  
265 service component described in s. 397.311(27).

266 t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
267 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,  
268 supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center  
269 that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the  
270 screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a  
271 Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties  
272 include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual  
273 abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation  
274 or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case  
275 review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,

276 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
277 spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the  
278 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
279 by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s.  
280 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

281 u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
282 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
283 staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s.  
284 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the  
285 Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names,  
286 home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates  
287 of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such  
288 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
289 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
290 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
291 Constitution.

292 v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
293 and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators  
294 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the  
295 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
296 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
297 former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations  
298 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
299 current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s.  
300 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This

sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

w. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a county attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney who qualifies as a candidate for election to public office. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

326           x. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
327 and photographs of current or former commissioners of the  
328 Florida Gaming Control Commission; the names, home addresses,  
329 telephone numbers, dates of birth, photographs, and places of  
330 employment of the spouses and children of such current or former  
331 commissioners; and the names and locations of schools and day  
332 care facilities attended by the children of such current or  
333 former commissioners are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a),  
334 Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is  
335 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance  
336 with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029,  
337 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
338 Legislature.

339           y. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
340 and photographs of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
341 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
342 personnel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates  
343 of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children  
344 of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy clerks of the  
345 circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court personnel; and the  
346 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
347 by the children of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
348 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
349 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
350 the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the

Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

z. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current municipal clerks and their staff, including elections filing officers, records management liaison officers, and deputy or assistant municipal clerks; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current municipal clerks and their staff, including elections filing officers, records management liaison officers, and deputy or assistant municipal clerks; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current municipal clerks and their staff, including elections filing officers, records management liaison officers, and deputy or assistant municipal clerks are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

3. An agency that is the custodian of the information specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that

information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt status.

4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s. 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s. 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status and the instrument number or Official Records book and page number identifying the property with the exempt status from all publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser or tax collector. For written requests received on or before July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1, 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may not remove the street address, legal description, or other information identifying real property within the agency's records so long as a name or personal information otherwise exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the public records of the agency.

401           b. Any information restricted from public display,  
402 inspection, or copying under sub-subparagraph a. must be  
403 provided to the individual whose information was removed.

404           5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other  
405 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request  
406 for the release of his or her exempt information to the  
407 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must  
408 specify the information to be released and the party authorized  
409 to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request,  
410 the custodial agency must release the specified information to  
411 the party authorized to receive such information.

412           6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information  
413 held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the  
414 exemption.

415           7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be  
416 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized  
417 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.  
418 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as  
419 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney  
420 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing  
421 with The Florida Bar.

422           8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the  
423 Official Records is maintained only during the period when a  
424 protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon  
425 conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such

426 real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home  
427 address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party  
428 must submit a written request to release the removed information  
429 to the county recorder. The written request to release the  
430 removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a  
431 protected party's request for release is pursuant to a  
432 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the  
433 Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's  
434 file number for each document containing the information to be  
435 released.

436       9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a  
437 certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party  
438 can request the county recorder to release a protected  
439 decedent's removed information unless there is a related request  
440 on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the  
441 decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise  
442 prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to  
443 release the removed information upon the death of a protected  
444 party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or  
445 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for  
446 release is due to the death of a protected party, and must  
447 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument  
448 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the  
449 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the  
450 release of any document pursuant to such request.

**Section 2.** The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current municipal clerks and their staff, including elections filing officers, records management liaison officers, and deputy or assistant municipal clerks; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current municipal clerks and their staff, including elections filing officers, records management liaison officers, and deputy or assistant municipal clerks; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current municipal clerks and their staff, including elections filing officers, records management liaison officers, and deputy or assistant municipal clerks be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Municipal clerks and their staff often handle sensitive information and perform critical administrative functions. Many municipal staff who perform duties that include, or result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of special magistrate hearings related to neglect or abuse, or other activities that could lead to a criminal prosecution are exposed to threats and other acts of violence. Protecting their personal information is essential to ensure their safety. The Legislature further finds that the harm that may result from the release of such personal identifying and

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476 | location information outweighs any public benefit that may be  
477 | derived from the disclosure of the information.

478 |       **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.