

By Representative Dawson-White

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 119.07, F.S.; providing an exemption from the
4 public records law for certain records
5 furnished pursuant to certain housing
6 assistance programs; providing for future
7 review and repeal of the exemption; providing a
8 statement of public necessity; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (bb) is added to subsection (3)
14 of section 119.07, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, to read:
15 119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of
16 records; exemptions.--

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19 (bb)1. Medical history records, bank account numbers,
20 credit card numbers, telephone numbers, and information
21 related to health or property insurance furnished by an
22 individual to any agency pursuant to federal, state, or local
23 housing assistance programs are exempt from the provisions of
24 subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
25 Any other information produced or received by any private or
26 public entity in direct connection with federal, state, or
27 local housing assistance programs, unless the subject of
28 another federal or state exemption, is subject to subsection
29 (1).

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31 2. Governmental agencies or their agents are entitled
to access to the records specified in this paragraph for the

1 purposes of auditing federal, state, or local housing programs
2 or housing assistance programs.

3 3. This paragraph is repealed effective October 2,
4 2002, and must be reviewed by the Legislature before that date
5 in accordance with s. 119.15, the Open Government Sunset
6 Review Act of 1995.

7 Section 2. The Legislature finds it is a public
8 necessity that medical history records, bank account numbers,
9 credit card numbers, telephone numbers, and information
10 related to health or property insurance furnished to a housing
11 assistance program be held confidential and exempt from public
12 records requirements because revealing such information could
13 create the opportunity for fraud and is an unnecessary
14 intrusion into the personal affairs of the program
15 participants.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

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19 HOUSE SUMMARY

20 Provides an exemption from the public records law for
21 certain records furnished pursuant to certain housing
22 assistance programs. Provides for future review and
23 repeal.