

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to public records; creating s.  
3           741.465, F.S.; providing an exemption from  
4           public records requirements for certain  
5           personal information about program participants  
6           in the Address Confidentiality Program for  
7           Victims of Domestic Violence; providing  
8           exceptions; providing for future review and  
9           repeal; providing a finding of public  
10          necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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14           Section 1.   Section 741.465, Florida Statutes, is  
15   created to read:

16           741.465 Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of  
17 Domestic Violence; certain information exempt from  
18 disclosure.--The addresses, corresponding telephone numbers,  
19 and social security numbers of program participants in the  
20 Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic  
21 Violence are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
22 the State Constitution, except the information may be  
23 disclosed under the following circumstances: to a law  
24 enforcement agency for purposes of assisting in the execution  
25 of a valid arrest warrant; if directed by a court order, to a  
26 person identified in the order; or if the certification has  
27 been canceled. For purposes of this section, the term  
28 "address" means a residential street address, school address,  
29 or work address, as specified on the individual's application  
30 to be a program participant in the Address Confidentiality  
31 Program for Victims of Domestic Violence. This section is

1 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in  
2 accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October  
3 2, 2003, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through  
4 reenactment by the Legislature.

5       Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
6 necessity that the addresses, corresponding telephone numbers,  
7 and social security numbers of program participants in the  
8 Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic  
9 Violence be exempt from public records requirements. Release  
10 of this information would significantly threaten the safety  
11 and security of program participants. Therefore, the harm  
12 that would result from such release outweighs any public  
13 benefit that might result therefrom.

14       Section 3. This act shall take effect on the effective  
15 date of House Bill No. 1637, relating to the Address  
16 Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence, or  
17 similar legislation enacted during the 1998 Regular Session of  
18 the Legislature.