

By the Committee on Education Innovation and
Representatives Melvin and Wise

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 446.609, F.S.; providing an exemption from
4 public records requirements for the identity of
5 donors to the Florida Endowment Foundation for
6 Florida's Graduates; providing for future
7 review and repeal; providing a finding of
8 public necessity; providing a contingent
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. Subsection (16) is added to section
14 446.609, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 446.609 Jobs for Florida's Graduates.--

16 (16) CONFIDENTIALITY.--All records of the foundation
17 constitute public records and shall be open to the public in
18 accordance with s. 119.07(1), except that the records of
19 applicants to and clients of the program which are otherwise
20 confidential shall remain confidential, and except that the
21 identity of a donor who desires to remain anonymous is
22 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
23 of the State Constitution. The anonymity of such donors shall
24 be maintained in the auditor's report required by subsection
25 (12). This subsection is subject to the Open Government
26 Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and
27 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2002, unless reviewed and
28 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

29 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
30 necessity that the identities of donors to the Florida
31 Endowment Foundation for Florida's Graduates be held

1 confidential and exempt from the public records law. Release
2 of such information could make donors the target of numerous
3 unwanted solicitations and seriously undermine the marketing
4 strategies and fundraising efforts of the foundation.

5 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date
6 as House Bill 1901 or similar legislation creating s. 446.609,
7 Florida Statutes, the Jobs for Florida's Graduates Act, takes
8 effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative
9 session or an extension thereof.

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12 HOUSE SUMMARY

13 Creates an exemption from public records requirements for
14 the identity of donors to the Florida Endowment
15 Foundation for Florida's Graduates. Provides for future
16 review and repeal of the exemption.
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