

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 787.03, F.S.; providing an exemption from
4 public records requirements for information
5 provided to state attorneys and sheriffs by
6 persons who take minor children when fleeing
7 from domestic violence; providing for future
8 review and repeal; providing findings of public
9 necessity; providing a contingent effective
10 date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (6) of
15 section 787.03, Florida Statutes, as amended by SB 1174, to
16 read:

17 787.03 Interference with custody.--

18 (6)

19 (c) Information provided to a state attorney or
20 sheriff under paragraph (b) is confidential and is exempt from
21 s. 119.07(1) and section 24(a), Article I of the State
22 Constitution. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government
23 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
24 repealed on October 2, 2004, unless reviewed and saved from
25 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

26 Section 2. The Legislature finds that exempting
27 information provided to state attorneys and sheriffs under
28 paragraph 787.03(6)(b), Florida Statutes, by persons fleeing
29 from domestic violence or the threat of it is a public
30 necessity. The information is of sensitive, personal nature

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1 concerning individuals who are under threat of physical and
2 psychological harm if their whereabouts is revealed.

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999,
4 but it shall not take effect if Senate Bill 1174 or similar
5 legislation requiring certain identifying information to be
6 filed by persons who take minor children when fleeing
7 situations of domestic violence does not become a law.

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