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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; providing an
3 exemption from public records requirements for
4 court documents that might identify a pregnant
5 minor who petitions for a waiver of the notice
6 requirements pertaining to her request to have
7 her pregnancy terminated; requesting that the
8 Supreme Court adopt rules ensuring the
9 confidentiality of such proceedings; providing
10 for future review and repeal; providing
11 findings of public necessity; providing a
12 contingent effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. When a minor petitions a circuit court for
17 a waiver of the notice requirements pertaining to the minor's
18 seeking to terminate her pregnancy, the court proceedings
19 relating to that petition must ensure the anonymity of the
20 minor, and the identity of the minor is confidential and
21 exempt from the provisions of section 119.07(1), Florida
22 Statutes, and Section 24(a), Article I of the State
23 Constitution. All such court proceedings shall be sealed. The
24 minor has the right to use a pseudonym or her initials only in
25 filing her petition in the circuit court. All documents
26 related to this petition which in any way might identify the
27 minor shall be confidential and shall not be available to the
28 public. In addition, the Supreme Court is requested to adopt
29 rules to ensure that such documents are handled in a
30 confidential manner. This section is subject to the Open
31 Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with

