

By Senator Grant

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; exempting
3 information that identifies parents who leave
4 newborn infants at hospitals from public
5 records requirements; providing legislative
6 findings; providing a contingent effective
7 date.

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

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11 Section 1. The identity of a parent who leaves a
12 newborn infant with a hospital in accordance with section
13 383.50, Florida Statutes, is confidential and exempt from the
14 provisions of section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and Section
15 24(a) of Article I of the State Constitution.

16 Section 2. The Legislature finds that the preservation
17 of anonymity and confidentiality of parents who leave newborn
18 infants with hospitals will encourage parents to leave infants
19 safely and thus protect the life and health of those infants.
20 The Legislature further finds that the public policy
21 enunciated for the creation of section 383.50, Florida
22 Statutes, will be served if the anonymity of parents who leave
23 newborns with hospitals can be maintained.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000,
25 but it shall not take effect unless Senate Bill _____ or
26 similar legislation creating section 383.50, Florida Statutes,
27 relating to leaving newborn infants at hospitals is enacted at
28 the 2000 Regular Session or an extension thereof.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Exempts information that identifies parents who leave newborn infants at hospitals from disclosure as public records.