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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 sheriffs and state attorneys 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 HB _____, to
16 read:

17 787.03 Interference with custody.--

18 (6)

19 (c) Information provided to a sheriff or state
20 attorney under paragraph (b) is confidential and exempt from
21 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
22 This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review
23 Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15 and is repealed on
24 October 2, 2005, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
25 reenactment by the Legislature before that date.

26 Section 2. The Legislature finds that exempting
27 information provided to sheriffs and state attorneys under
28 section 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 a sensitive, personal nature
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1 and concerns 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, 2000,
4 but it shall not take effect if House Bill _____, 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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SENATE SUMMARY

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Provides that information reported to sheriffs and state
attorneys by persons who take minor children when fleeing
domestic violence is exempt from disclosure under the
public records law.

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