

By Senator Saunders

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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 383.51, F.S.; providing an exemption from
4 public records requirements for information
5 that identifies parents who leave newborn
6 infants at emergency medical services stations;
7 providing an exception; providing for future
8 review and repeal; providing a finding of
9 public necessity; providing a contingent
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 383.51, Florida Statutes, is
15 amended to read:

16 383.51 Confidentiality; identification of parent
17 leaving newborn infant at hospital or fire station.--The
18 identity of a parent who leaves a newborn infant at a
19 hospital, emergency medical services station, or ~~a~~ fire
20 station in accordance with s. 383.50 is confidential and
21 exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art.
22 I of the State Constitution. The identity of a parent leaving
23 a child shall be disclosed to a person claiming to be a parent
24 of the newborn infant. This section is subject to the Open
25 Government Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15,
26 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2005, unless reviewed
27 and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

28 Section 2. The Legislature finds that the preservation
29 of anonymity and confidentiality of parents who leave newborn
30 infants at emergency medical services stations is a public
31 necessity in order to encourage parents to leave infants

1 safely and thus protect the life and health of those infants.
2 The Legislature further finds that the public policy provided
3 for in the creation of s. 383.50, Florida Statutes, will be
4 served if the anonymity of parents who leave newborns at
5 emergency medical services stations is maintained.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date
7 that SB ____ or similar legislation takes effect if such
8 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session and
9 becomes law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Provides an exemption from public records requirements for information that identifies parents who leave newborn infants at emergency medical services stations. Provides for disclosure of such information to a person claiming to be a parent of the newborn infant. Provides for future review and repeal.