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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public records; amending s.
985.412, F.S.; providing an exemption for
certain records of the juvenile justice quality
assurance review process; providing for future
repeal and prior legislative review of the
exemption; providing the public necessity for
the exemption; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 985.412,
Florida Statutes, to read:

985.412 Quality assurance.--

(3) The quality-assurance report for an individual
juvenile justice program or service becomes a public record
when the report becomes final. The report becomes final when
it is presented to the unit of local or state government or to
the provider organization that is under contract to provide
the service or program. All work papers and documentation of
the quality-assurance review by the department are
confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1)
and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until the
report is completed and becomes final. This subsection does
not prohibit the department from providing such information to
any law enforcement agency or to any other regulatory agency.
In accordance with s. 119.15, the Open Government Sunset
Review Act of 1995, the exemption provided in this subsection
expires October 2, 2006, unless it is reviewed and reenacted
by the Legislature before that date.

