

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 a parent who leaves a newborn  
6           infant at an emergency medical services  
7           station; providing an exception; providing for  
8           future review and repeal; providing a finding  
9           of public necessity; providing an 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. Section 383.51, Florida Statutes, is  
15 amended to read:

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26 accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October  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

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

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

8           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
9 law.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Provides an exemption from public records requirements for information that identifies a parent who leaves a newborn infant at an emergency medical services station. Provides an exception to allow disclosure to a person claiming to be a parent of the infant. Provides for future review and repeal.