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Bill No. CS/HB 769

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Melvin offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 3, between lines 7 and 8, of the bill

insert:

Section 3. Subsection (4) is added to section 230.235, Florida Statutes, to read:

230.235 Policy of zero tolerance for crime and victimization.--

(4) The name of any student who reports the presence of illegal drugs as defined in chapter 893 or a weapon or firearm as described by chapter 790, on or off any school campus, or who reports impending or suspected activities that may result in injury to any person on or off any school campus, held by a school principal or the school principal's staff shall be exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. 1 of the State Constitution. Such exempt information shall not be disclosed to any person or entity not approved by the school principal or the school principal's designee, except that such information shall be disclosed to

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1 the reporting student's parent or legal guardian or law
2 enforcement authorities if such information is requested by
3 the reporting student's parent or legal guardian or by law
4 enforcement authorities. If information made exempt by this
5 subsection is used in a criminal, civil, or administrative
6 proceeding, the exempt status of such information must be
7 maintained. This exemption applies to such information held by
8 a school principal or the school principal's staff before, on,
9 or after the effective date of this exemption. This exemption
10 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in
11 accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October
12 2, 2007, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
13 reenactment by the Legislature.

14 Section 4. The Legislature finds that it is a public
15 necessity that the name of a student who reports the presence
16 of illegal drugs or a weapon or firearm, or who reports
17 impending or suspected activities that may result in injury to
18 any person, held by a school principal or the school
19 principal's staff be made exempt from public disclosure,
20 because release of the reporting student's name could place
21 the student in danger. Furthermore, release of such student's
22 name would impair the effective and efficient administration
23 of any school program designed to provide students with the
24 opportunity to anonymously report illegal activities that
25 might take place on or off a school campus. without anonymity,
26 students would most likely be reluctant to participate in such
27 program.

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31 And the title is amended as follows:

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1 On page 1, line 11, after the semicolon
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3 and insert:
4 amending s. 230.235; providing an exemption
5 from public records requirements for the name
6 of any student who reports the presence of
7 illegal drugs or a weapon or firearm on or off
8 any school campus, or who reports impending or
9 suspected activities that may result in injury
10 to any person on or off any school campus, held
11 by a school principal or the school principal's
12 staff; providing for disclosure of such
13 information to specified persons upon request;
14 providing for retroactive application of the
15 exemption; providing for future review and
16 repeal; providing a finding of public
17 necessity;
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