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The Committee on Public Safety & Crime Prevention recommends the following:

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Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to exemption from public records requirements; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for cellular telephone numbers, electronic pager numbers, specified identification numbers and access codes for certain electronic communications devices, and the identifying numbers contained in the billing records of such numbers, identification numbers, and access codes of active or former law enforcement officers; requiring the Auditor General to report misuse of a cellular telephone or electronic pager by an active or former law enforcement officer; providing for exempt status of information obtained by the Auditor General and exceptions with respect thereto; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.



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

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Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section 119.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of records; exemptions.--

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(i)1.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, cellular telephone numbers and the identifying numbers contained in the billing records of such cellular telephone numbers, electronic pager numbers and the identifying numbers contained in the billing records of such electronic pager numbers, user-specific identification numbers or access codes for any electronic communications device issued by an employing agency and used in the course of employment in this state and the identifying numbers contained in the billing records of such identification numbers or access codes, social security numbers, and photographs of active or former law enforcement officers; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of active or former law enforcement personnel, including correctional and correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children and Family Services whose duties include the investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities,

personnel of the Department of Health whose duties are to

support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and

personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments



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whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such officers and personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such officers and personnel are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any apparent misuse of a cellular telephone or an electronic pager by an active or former law enforcement officer that is noted during an audit of a law enforcement agency by the Auditor General must be reported by the Auditor General to the governing body responsible for the law enforcement agency. Any information obtained by the Auditor General that is exempt pursuant to this sub-subparagraph shall remain exempt unless the information relates to such misuse of a cellular telephone or an electronic pager. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2008, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

<u>b.</u> The home addresses, telephone numbers, and photographs of firefighters certified in compliance with s. 633.35; the home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such firefighters are exempt from subsection (1).



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<u>c.</u> The home addresses and telephone numbers of justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; the home addresses, telephone numbers, and places of employment of the spouses and children of justices and judges; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of justices and judges are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1).

- d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from subsection(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- 2. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of current or former human resource, labor relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors, managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency or water management district whose duties include hiring and firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or other personnel-related duties; the names,



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home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

- 3. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such persons are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
- 4. An agency that is the custodian of the personal information specified in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3. and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3. shall maintain the confidentiality of the personal information only if



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the officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written request for confidentiality to the custodial agency.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that the exemption from public records requirements provided by this act is a public necessity because law enforcement officers and former law enforcement officers can be identified as such by connecting them with cellular telephone numbers, electronic pager numbers, user-specific identification numbers or access codes for electronic communications devices that are or have been used in the course of their employment, and the identifying numbers contained in the billing records of such numbers, identification numbers, or access codes. The identification of law enforcement officers through such numbers, identification numbers, and access codes and the identifying numbers contained in the billing records of such numbers and codes can compromise investigations, undermine law enforcement officers' ability to apprehend suspects, and compromise the physical safety of law enforcement officers. With respect to former law enforcement officers, such numbers and access codes and the identifying numbers contained in the billing records of such numbers and access codes, if made public, could also jeopardize ongoing investigations, law enforcement informers and contacts, and the safety of former law enforcement officers because such numbers and access codes could be used to connect a former law enforcement officer to an investigation. Consequently, the Legislature finds that cellular telephone numbers, electronic pager numbers, user-specific identification numbers or access



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been used in the course of employment of law enforcement officers and former law enforcement officers, and the identifying numbers contained in the billing records of such numbers, identification numbers, and access codes must be exempt from public records requirements.

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