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The Committee on State Administration recommends the following:

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## A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; amending s. 18.20, F.S.; removing photographic film reproductions of specified vouchers or checks paid by the State Treasurer and preserved as records of the office of the Treasurer from classification as permanent records; creating s. 39.2021, F.S.; relocating the provision allowing a person or organization to petition the court for access to records of the Department of Children and Family Services; amending s. 119.01, F.S.; establishing state policy with respect to public records; requiring governmental agencies to consider certain factors in designing or acquiring electronic recordkeeping systems; providing certain restrictions with respect to electronic recordkeeping systems and proprietary software; requiring governmental agencies to provide copies of public records stored in electronic recordkeeping systems; authorizing agencies to charge a fee for such copies; specifying circumstances

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under which the financial, business, and membership records of an organization are public records; amending s. 119.011, F.S.; providing definitions; correcting cross references; repealing ss. 119.0115, 119.012, and 119.02, F.S., relating to specified exemption for certain videotapes and video signals, records made public by the use of public funds, and penalties for violation of public records requirements by a public officer; amending s. 119.021, F.S.; providing requirements for governmental agencies in maintaining and preserving public records; requiring the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State to adopt rules for retaining and disposing of public records; authorizing the division to provide for archiving certain noncurrent records; providing for the destruction of certain records and the continued maintenance of certain records; providing for the disposition of records at the end of an official's term of office; requiring that a custodian of public records demand delivery of records held unlawfully; repealing ss. 119.031, 119.041, 119.05, and 119.06, F.S., relating to the retention and disposal of public records and the delivery of records held unlawfully; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; revising provisions governing the inspection and copying of public records; establishing fees for copying; providing requirements for making photographs; authorizing additional means of copying; repealing s. 119.08, F.S., relating to requirements for making photographs of public records; amending s. 119.084, F.S.;



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deleting certain provisions governing the maintenance of public records in an electronic recordkeeping system; repealing ss. 119.085 and 119.09, F.S., relating to remote electronic access to public records and the program for records and information management of the Department of State; amending s. 119.10, F.S.; clarifying provisions with respect to penalties for violations of ch. 119, F.S.; amending s. 119.105, F.S.; clarifying provisions under which certain police reports may be exempt from the public records law; amending s. 120.55, F.S.; revising language with respect to publication of the Florida Administrative Code to provide that the Department of State is required to compile and publish the code through a continuous revision system; amending s. 257.36, F.S.; providing procedure with respect to official custody of records upon transfer of duties or responsibilities between state agencies or dissolution of a state agency; amending s. 328.15, F.S.; revising the classification of records of notices and satisfaction of liens on vessels maintained by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 372.5717, F.S.; revising the classification of records of hunter safety certification cards maintained by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; creating s. 415.1071, F.S.; relocating the provision allowing a person or organization to petition the court for access to records of the Department of Children and Family Services; amending s. 560.121, F.S.; decreasing and qualifying the period of retention for examination reports, investigatory



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records, applications, application records, and related information compiled by the Department of Banking and Finance under the Money Transmitters' Code; amending s. 560.123, F.S.; decreasing the period of retention for specified reports filed by money transmitters with the Department of Banking and Finance under the money Transmitters' Code; amending s. 560.129, F.S.; decreasing and qualifying the period of retention for examination reports, investigatory records, applications, application records, and related information compiled by the Department of Banking and Finance under the Money Transmitters' Code; amending s. 624.311, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Insurance to maintain an electronic recordkeeping system for specified records, statements, reports, and documents; eliminating a standard for the reproduction of such records, statements, reports, and documents; amending s. 624.312, F.S.; providing that reproductions from an electronic recordkeeping system of specified documents and records of the Department of Insurance shall be treated as originals for the purpose of their admissibility in evidence; amending s. 633.527, F.S.; decreasing the period of retention for specified examination test questions, answer sheets, and grades in the possession of the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Insurance; amending s. 655.50, F.S.; revising requirements of the Department of Banking and Finance with respect to retention of copies of specified reports and records of exemption submitted or filed by



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financial institutions under the Florida Control of Money Laundering in Financial Institutions Act; amending s. 945.25, F.S.; requiring the Department of Corrections to obtain and place in its records specified information on every person who may be sentenced to supervision or incarceration under the jurisdiction of the department; eliminating a requirement of the department, in its discretion, to obtain and place in its permanent records specified information on persons placed on probation and on persons who may become subject to pardon and commutation of sentence; amending s. 985.31, F.S.; revising the classification of specified medical files of serious or habitual juvenile offenders; repealing s. 212.095(6)(d), F.S., which requires the Department of Revenue to keep a permanent record of the amounts of refunds claimed and paid under ch. 212, F.S., and which requires that such records shall be open to public inspection; repealing s. 238.03(9), F.S., relating to the authority of the Department of Management Services to photograph and reduce to microfilm as a permanent record its ledger sheets showing the salaries and contributions of members of the Teachers' Retirement System of Florida and the records of deceased members of the system, and the authority to destroy the documents from which such films derive; correcting a cross reference; amending ss. 15.09, 23.22, 101.5607, 112.533, 1012.31, 257.34, 257.35, 282.21, 287.0943, 320.05, 322.20, 338.223, 378.406, 400.0077, 401.27, 403.111, 409.2577, 455.219, 456.025, 627.311,

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141 627.351, 633.527, 668.50, and 794.024, F.S.; conforming 142 cross references; reenacting s. 947.13(2)(a), F.S., 143 relating to the duty of the Parole Commission to examine 144 specified records, to incorporate the amendment to s. 145 945.25, F.S., in a reference thereto; repealing s. 146 430.015, F.S., which provides a public necessity statement for a Department of Elderly Affairs public records 147 exemption; amending s. 440.132, F.S.; eliminating a public 148 149 necessity statement for an Agency for Health Care 150 Administration public records exemption; repealing s. 151 723.0065, F.S., which provides a public necessity 152 statement for a Division of Florida Land Sales, 153 Condominiums, and Mobile Homes public records exemption; 154 repealing s. 768.301, F.S., which provides a public 155 necessity statement for a public records and public 156 meetings exemption regarding state administered risk 157 management programs; repealing s. 815.045, F.S., which 158 provides a public necessity statement for a public records 159 exemption regarding trade secret information held by an 160 agency; amending s. 943.031, F.S.; eliminating a public 161 necessity statement for a Florida Violent Crime and Drug 162 Control Council public records and public meetings 163 exemption; providing an effective date. 165

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

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Subsection (1) of section 18.20, Florida Section 1. Statutes, is amended to read:

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18.20 Treasurer to make reproductions of certain warrants, records, and documents.--

(1) All vouchers or checks heretofore or hereafter drawn by appropriate court officials of the several counties of the state against money deposited with the Treasurer under the provisions of s. 43.17, and paid by the Treasurer, may be photographed, microphotographed, or reproduced on film by the Treasurer. Such photographic film shall be durable material and the device used to so reproduce such warrants, vouchers, or checks shall be one which accurately reproduces the originals thereof in all detail; and such photographs, microphotographs, or reproductions on film shall be placed in conveniently accessible and identified files and shall be preserved by the Treasurer as a part of the permanent records of office. When any such warrants, vouchers, or checks have been so photographed, microphotographed, or reproduced on film, and the photographs, microphotographs, or reproductions on film thereof have been placed in files as a part of the permanent records of the office of the Treasurer as aforesaid, the Treasurer is authorized to return such warrants, vouchers, or checks to the offices of the respective county officials who drew the same and such warrants, vouchers, or checks shall be retained and preserved in such offices to which returned as a part of the permanent records of such offices.

Section 2. Section 39.2021, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

39.2021 Release of confidential information. --



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(1) Any person or organization, including the Department of Children and Family Services, may petition the court for an order making public the records of the Department of Children and Family Services that pertain to investigations of alleged abuse, abandonment, or neglect of a child. The court shall determine whether good cause exists for public access to the records sought or a portion thereof. In making this determination, the court shall balance the best interest of the child who is the focus of the investigation and the interest of that child's siblings, together with the privacy right of other persons identified in the reports, against the public interest. The public interest in access to such records is reflected in s. 119.01(1) and includes the need for citizens to know of and adequately evaluate the actions of the Department of Children and Family Services and the court system in providing children of this state with the protections enumerated in s. 39.001. However, this subsection does not contravene s. 39.202, which protects the name of any person reporting the abuse, abandonment, or neglect of a child.

(2) In cases involving serious bodily injury to a child, the Department of Children and Family Services may petition the court for an order for the immediate public release of records of the department which pertain to the protective investigation. The petition must be personally served upon the child, the child's parent or guardian, and any person named as an alleged perpetrator in the report of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. The court must determine whether good cause exists for the public release of the records sought no later than 24 hours, excluding

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Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the date the department filed the petition with the court. If the court has neither granted nor denied the petition within the 24-hour time period, the department may release to the public summary information including:

- (a) A confirmation that an investigation has been conducted concerning the alleged victim.
- (b) The dates and brief description of procedural activities undertaken during the department's investigation.
- (c) The date of each judicial proceeding, a summary of each participant's recommendations made at the judicial proceeding, and the ruling of the court.

The summary information may not include the name of, or other identifying information with respect to, any person identified in any investigation. In making a determination to release confidential information, the court shall balance the best interests of the child who is the focus of the investigation and the interests of that child's siblings, together with the privacy rights of other persons identified in the reports, against the public interest for access to public records.

However, this subsection does not contravene s. 39.202, which protects the name of any person reporting abuse, abandonment, or neglect of a child.

(3) When the court determines that good cause for public access exists, the court shall direct that the department redact the name of and other identifying information with respect to any person identified in any protective investigation report

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until such time as the court finds that there is probable cause to believe that the person identified committed an act of alleged abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

- Section 3. Section 119.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 119.01 General state policy on public records.--
- (1) It is the policy of this state that all state, county, and municipal records <u>are</u> shall be open for personal inspection by any person.
- (2) The Legislature finds that, given advancements in technology, Providing access to public records is a duty of each agency by remote electronic means is an additional method of access that agencies should strive to provide to the extent feasible. If an agency provides access to public records by remote electronic means, then such access should be provided in the most cost-effective and efficient manner available to the agency providing the information.
- (2)(a)(3) The Legislature finds that providing access to public records is a duty of each agency and that Automation of public records must not erode the right of access to public those records. As each agency increases its use of and dependence on electronic recordkeeping, each agency must provide ensure reasonable public access to records electronically maintained and must keep information made exempt or confidential from being disclosed to the public.
- (b) An agency must consider when designing or acquiring an electronic recordkeeping system whether such system is capable



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of providing data in some common format such as, but not limited to, the American Standard Code for Information Interchange.

- (c) An agency may not enter into a contract for the creation or maintenance of a public records database if that contract impairs the ability of the public to inspect or copy the public records of the agency, including public records that are on-line or stored in an electronic recordkeeping system used by the agency.
- (d) Subject to the restrictions of copyright and trade secret laws and public records exemptions, agency use of proprietary software must not diminish the right of the public to inspect and copy a public record.
- (e) Providing access to public records by remote electronic means is an additional method of access that agencies should strive to provide to the extent feasible. If an agency provides access to public records by remote electronic means, such access should be provided in the most cost-effective and efficient manner available to the agency providing the information.
- (f) Each agency that maintains a public record in an electronic recordkeeping system shall provide to any person, pursuant to this chapter, a copy of any public record in that system which is not exempted by law from public disclosure. An agency must provide a copy of the record in the medium requested if the agency maintains the record in that medium, and the agency may charge a fee in accordance with this chapter. For the purpose of satisfying a public records request, the fee to be charged by an agency if it elects to provide a copy of a public

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record in a medium not routinely used by the agency, or if it elects to compile information not routinely developed or maintained by the agency or that requires a substantial amount of manipulation or programming, must be in accordance with s. 119.07(4).

- (3) If public funds are expended by an agency as defined in s. 119.011(2) in payment of dues or membership contributions for any person, corporation, foundation, trust, association, group, or other organization, all the financial, business, and membership records of that person, corporation, foundation, trust, association, group, or other organization which pertain to the public agency are public records and subject to the provisions of s. 119.07.
- (4) Each agency shall establish a program for the disposal of records that do not have sufficient legal, fiscal, administrative, or archival value in accordance with retention schedules established by the records and information management program of the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State.

Section 4. Section 119.011, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 119.011 Definitions.--<u>As used in For the purpose of this chapter, the term</u>:
- (1) "Actual cost of duplication" means the cost of the material and supplies used to duplicate the public record but does not include the labor cost or overhead cost associated with such duplication. "Public records" means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound

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recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency.

- (2) "Agency" means any state, county, district, authority, or municipal officer, department, division, board, bureau, commission, or other separate unit of government created or established by law including, for the purposes of this chapter, the Commission on Ethics, the Public Service Commission, and the Office of Public Counsel, and any other public or private agency, person, partnership, corporation, or business entity acting on behalf of any public agency.
- (3)(a) "Criminal intelligence information" means information with respect to an identifiable person or group of persons collected by a criminal justice agency in an effort to anticipate, prevent, or monitor possible criminal activity.
- (b) "Criminal investigative information" means information with respect to an identifiable person or group of persons compiled by a criminal justice agency in the course of conducting a criminal investigation of a specific act or omission, including, but not limited to, information derived from laboratory tests, reports of investigators or informants, or any type of surveillance.
- (c) "Criminal intelligence information" and "criminal
  investigative information" shall not include:
- 1. The time, date, location, and nature of a reported crime.

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363 2. The name, sex, age, and address of a person arrested or 364 of the victim of a crime except as provided in s. 365  $119.07(6)\frac{(3)}{(1)}$ 

- 3. The time, date, and location of the incident and of the arrest.
  - 4. The crime charged.
- 5. Documents given or required by law or agency rule to be given to the person arrested, except as provided in s.  $119.07\underline{(6)}\underline{(3)}(f)$ , and, except that the court in a criminal case may order that certain information required by law or agency rule to be given to the person arrested be maintained in a confidential manner and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) until released at trial if it is found that the release of such information would:
- a. Be defamatory to the good name of a victim or witness or would jeopardize the safety of such victim or witness; and
- b. Impair the ability of a state attorney to locate or prosecute a codefendant.
- 6. Informations and indictments except as provided in s. 905.26.
  - (d) The word "active" shall have the following meaning:
- 1. Criminal intelligence information shall be considered "active" as long as it is related to intelligence gathering conducted with a reasonable, good faith belief that it will lead to detection of ongoing or reasonably anticipated criminal activities.
- 2. Criminal investigative information shall be considered "active" as long as it is related to an ongoing investigation

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which is continuing with a reasonable, good faith anticipation of securing an arrest or prosecution in the foreseeable future.

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In addition, criminal intelligence and criminal investigative information shall be considered "active" while such information is directly related to pending prosecutions or appeals. The word "active" shall not apply to information in cases which are barred from prosecution under the provisions of s. 775.15 or other statute of limitation.

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- (4) "Criminal justice agency" means:
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- (a) Any law enforcement agency, court, or prosecutor: The term also includes

(c) Any agency having custody of criminal intelligence

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 $\underline{\text{(b)}}$  Any other agency charged by law with criminal law enforcement duties;  $\overline{\text{or}}$ 

information or criminal investigative information for the

purpose of assisting such law enforcement agencies in the

conduct of active criminal investigation or prosecution or for

Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, during the time that

information or criminal investigative information pursuant to

the purpose of litigating civil actions under the Racketeer

such agencies are in possession of criminal intelligence

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- (d) The Department of Corrections.
- (5) "Custodian of public records" means the elected or appointed state, county, or municipal officer charged with the

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responsibility of maintaining the office having public records, or his or her designee.

- (6) "Data processing software" means the programs and routines used to employ and control the capabilities of data processing hardware, including, but not limited to, operating systems, compilers, assemblers, utilities, library routines, maintenance routines, applications, and computer networking programs.
- (7) "Duplicated copies" means new copies produced by duplicating as defined in s. 283.30.
- (8) "Exemption" means a provision of general law that provides that a specified record or meeting, or portion thereof, is not subject to the access requirements of s. 119.07(1), s. 286.011, or s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (9) "Information technology resources" has the meaning ascribed to "information technology" in s. 282.0041(7).
- (10) "Proprietary software" means data processing software that is protected by copyright or trade secret laws.
- (11) "Public records" means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency.
- (12) "Redact" means the process of removing from an image or a copy of an original public record that portion of the record containing exempt or confidential information.

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(13) "Sensitive," for purposes of defining agency-produced software that is sensitive, means only those portions of data processing software, including the specifications and documentation, which are used to: (a) Collect, process, store, and retrieve information that is exempt from s. 119.07(1); (b) Collect, process, store, and retrieve financial management information of the agency, such as payroll and accounting records; or (c) Control and direct access authorizations and security measures for automated systems. Section 5. Sections 119.0115, 119.012, and 119.02, Florida Statutes, are repealed. Section 6. Section 119.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: (Substantial rewording of section. See s. 119.021, F.S., for present text.) 119.021 Custodial requirements; maintenance, preservation, and retention of public records. --(1) Public records shall be maintained and preserved as follows: (a) All public records should be kept in the buildings in which they are ordinarily used. (b) Insofar as practicable, a custodian of public records of vital, permanent, or archival value shall keep such records in fireproof and waterproof safes, vaults, or rooms fitted with

noncombustible materials and in such arrangement as to be easily

accessible for convenient use.

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(c)1. Record books should be copied or repaired, restored, or rebound if worn, mutilated, damaged, or difficult to read.

- 2. Whenever any state, county, or municipal records are in need of repair, restoration, or rebinding, the head of the concerned state agency, department, board, or commission; the board of county commissioners of such county; or the governing body of such municipality may authorize that such records be removed from the building or office in which such records are ordinarily kept for the length of time required to repair, restore, or rebind them.
- 3. Any public official who causes a record book to be copied shall attest and certify under oath that the copy is an accurate copy of the original book. The copy shall then have the force and effect of the original.
- (2)(a) The Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State shall adopt rules to establish retention schedules and disposal processes for public records.
- (b) Each agency shall comply with the rules establishing retention schedules and disposal processes for public records which are adopted by the records and information management program of the division.
- (c) Every public official shall systematically dispose of records no longer needed, subject to the consent of the records and information management program of the division in accordance with s. 257.36.
- (d) The division may ascertain the condition of public records and shall give advice and assistance to public officials to solve problems related to the preservation, creation, filing,

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and public accessibility of public records in their custody.

Public officials shall assist the division by preparing an inclusive inventory of categories of public records in their custody. The division shall establish a time period for the retention or disposal of each series of records. Upon the completion of the inventory and schedule, the division shall, subject to the availability of necessary space, staff, and other facilities for such purposes, make space available in its records center for the filing of semicurrent records so scheduled and in its archives for noncurrent records of permanent value, and shall render such other assistance as needed, including the microfilming of records so scheduled.

- (3) Agency orders that comprise final agency action and that must be indexed or listed pursuant to s. 120.53 have continuing legal significance; therefore, notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any provision of chapter 257, each agency shall permanently maintain records of such orders pursuant to the applicable rules of the Department of State.
- (4)(a) Whoever has custody of any public records shall deliver, at the expiration of his or her term of office, to his or her successor or, if there be none, to the records and information management program of the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State, all public records kept or received by him or her in the transaction of official business.
- (b) Whoever is entitled to custody of public records shall demand them from any person having illegal possession of them, who must forthwith deliver the same to him or her. Any person

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unlawfully possessing public records must, within 10 days,
deliver such records to the lawful custodian of public records
unless just cause exists for failing to deliver such records.

- Section 7. Sections 119.031, 119.041, 119.05, and 119.06, Florida Statutes, are repealed.
- Section 8. Section 119.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 119.07 Inspection, examination, and copying duplication of records; fees; exemptions.--
- (1)(a) Every person who has custody of a public record shall permit the record to be inspected and <u>copied</u> examined by any person desiring to do so, at any reasonable time, under reasonable conditions, and under supervision by the custodian of the public <u>records</u> record or the custodian's designee.
- (b) An exemption from this section does not imply an exemption from s. 286.011. The exemption from s. 286.011 must be expressly provided.
- (c) A person who has custody of a public record who asserts that an exemption applies to a part of such record shall redact that portion of the record to which an exemption has been asserted and validly applies, and such person shall produce the remainder of such record for inspection and copying.
- (d) If the person who has custody of a public record contends that the record or part thereof is exempt from inspection and copying, he or she shall state the basis of the exemption that he or she contends is applicable to the record or part thereof, including the statutory citation to an exemption created or afforded by statute.



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(e) If requested by the person seeking to inspect or copy the record, the custodian of public records shall state in writing and with particularity the reasons for the conclusion that the record is exempt or confidential.

- (f) In any civil action in which an exemption to this section is asserted, if the exemption is alleged to exist under or by virtue of paragraph(6)(c), paragraph (6)(d), paragraph (6)(d), paragraph (6)(d), paragraph (6)(d), or paragraph (6)(d), the public record or part thereof in question shall be submitted to the court for an inspection in camera. If an exemption is alleged to exist under or by virtue of paragraph (6)(b), an inspection in camera will be discretionary with the court. If the court finds that the asserted exemption is not applicable, it shall order the public record or part thereof in question to be immediately produced for inspection or copying as requested by the person seeking such access.
- (g) Regardless of whether an assertion is made by the custodian of public records that a requested record is not a public record subject to public inspection or copying under this subsection, the requested record shall not be disposed of for a period of 30 days after the date on which a written request to inspect or copy the record was served on or otherwise made to the custodian of public records by the person seeking access to the record. If a civil action is instituted within the 30-day period to enforce the provisions of this section with respect to the requested record, the custodian of public records may not dispose of the record except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction after notice to all affected parties.



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(h) The absence of a civil action instituted for the purpose stated in paragraph (f) does not relieve the custodian of public records of the duty to maintain the record as a public record if the record is in fact a public record subject to public inspection and copying under this subsection and does not otherwise excuse or exonerate the custodian of public records from any unauthorized or unlawful disposition of such record.

- (2)(a) Any person shall have the right of access to public records for the purpose of making photographs of the record while in the possession, custody, and control of the custodian of public records.
- (b) This subsection applies to the making of photographs in the conventional sense by use of a camera device to capture images of public records but excludes the duplication of microfilm in the possession of the clerk of the circuit court where a copy of the microfilm may be made available by the clerk.
- (c) Photographing of public records shall be done under the supervision of the custodian of public records, who may adopt and enforce reasonable rules governing such photographing.
- (d) Photographing of public records shall be done in the room where the public records are kept. If, in the judgment of the custodian of public records, this is impossible or impracticable, such photographing shall be done in another room or place, as nearly adjacent as possible to the room where the public records are kept, to be determined by the custodian of public records. Where provision of another room or place for photographing is required, the expense of providing the same

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shall be paid by the person desiring to photograph the public record pursuant to paragraph (4)(e).

- (3)(a) As an additional means of inspecting or copying public records, a custodian of public records may provide access to public records by remote electronic means, provided exempt or confidential information is not disclosed.
- (b) The custodian of public records shall provide safeguards to protect the contents of public records from unauthorized remote electronic access or alteration and to prevent the disclosure or modification of those portions of public records which are exempt or confidential from subsection (1) or s. 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (c) Unless otherwise required by law, the custodian of public records may charge a fee for remote electronic access, granted under a contractual arrangement with a user, which fee may include the direct and indirect costs of providing such access. Fees for remote electronic access provided to the general public shall be in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (4) The custodian of public records shall furnish a copy or a certified copy of the record upon payment of the fee prescribed by law. or, If a fee is not prescribed by law, the following fees are authorized:
- (a)1. Up to 15 cents per one-sided copy for duplicated copies of not more than 14 inches by 8 1/2 inches;
- 2. An agency may charge no more than an additional 5 cents for each two-sided copy; upon payment of not more than 15 cents per one-sided copy; and



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3. For all other copies, upon payment of the actual cost of duplication of the <u>public</u> record. An agency may charge no more than an additional 5 cents for each two-sided duplicated copy. For purposes of this section, duplicated copies shall mean new copies produced by duplicating, as defined in s. 283.30. The phrase "actual cost of duplication" means the cost of the material and supplies used to duplicate the record, but it does not include the labor cost or overhead cost associated with such duplication. However,

- (b) The charge for copies of county maps or aerial photographs supplied by county constitutional officers may also include a reasonable charge for the labor and overhead associated with their duplication. Unless otherwise provided by law, the fees to be charged for duplication of public records shall be collected, deposited, and accounted for in the manner prescribed for other operating funds of the agency.
- (c) An agency may charge up to \$1 per copy for a certified copy of a public record.
- (d)(b) If the nature or volume of public records requested to be inspected, examined, or copied pursuant to this subsection is such as to require extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance by personnel of the agency involved, or both, the agency may charge, in addition to the actual cost of duplication, a special service charge, which shall be reasonable and shall be based on the cost incurred for such extensive use of information technology resources or the labor cost of the personnel providing the service that is actually incurred by the agency or

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attributable to the agency for the clerical and supervisory assistance required, or both.

- (e)1. Where provision of another room or place is necessary to photograph public records, the expense of providing the same shall be paid by the person desiring to photograph the public records.
- 2. The custodian of public records may charge the person making the photographs for supervision services at a rate of compensation to be agreed upon by the person desiring to make the photographs and the custodian of public records. If they fail to agree as to the appropriate charge, then the charge is to be determined by the custodian of public records.

  "Information technology resources" means data processing hardware and software and services, communications, supplies, personnel, facility resources, maintenance, and training.
- (5)(e) When ballots are produced under this section for inspection or examination, no persons other than the supervisor of elections or the supervisor's employees shall touch the ballots. The supervisor of elections shall make a reasonable effort to notify all candidates by telephone or otherwise of the time and place of the inspection or examination. All such candidates, or their representatives, shall be allowed to be present during the inspection or examination.
- (2)(a) A person who has custody of a public record and who asserts that an exemption provided in subsection (3) or in a general or special law applies to a particular public record or part of such record shall delete or excise from the record only that portion of the record with respect to which an exemption

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has been asserted and validly applies, and such person shall produce the remainder of such record for inspection and examination. If the person who has custody of a public record contends that the record or part of it is exempt from inspection and examination, he or she shall state the basis of the exemption which he or she contends is applicable to the record, including the statutory citation to an exemption created or afforded by statute, and, if requested by the person seeking the right under this subsection to inspect, examine, or copy the record, he or she shall state in writing and with particularity the reasons for the conclusion that the record is exempt.

(b) In any civil action in which an exemption to subsection (1) is asserted, if the exemption is alleged to exist under or by virtue of paragraph(c), paragraph (d), paragraph (e), paragraph (k), paragraph(l), or paragraph (o) of subsection (3), the public record or part thereof in question shall be submitted to the court for an inspection in camera. If an exemption is alleged to exist under or by virtue of paragraph (b) of subsection (3), an inspection in camera will be discretionary with the court. If the court finds that the asserted exemption is not applicable, it shall order the public record or part thereof in question to be immediately produced for inspection, examination, or copying as requested by the person seeking such access.

(c) Even if an assertion is made by the custodian of a public record that a requested record is not a public record subject to public inspection and examination under subsection (1), the requested record shall, nevertheless, not be disposed

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of for a period of 30 days after the date on which a written request requesting the right to inspect, examine, or copy the record was served on or otherwise made to the custodian of the record by the person seeking access to the record. If a civil action is instituted within the 30-day period to enforce the provisions of this section with respect to the requested record, the custodian shall not dispose of the record except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction after notice to all affected parties.

- (d) The absence of a civil action instituted for the purpose stated in paragraph (c) will not relieve the custodian of the duty to maintain the record as a public record if the record is in fact a public record subject to public inspection and examination under subsection (1) and will not otherwise excuse or exonerate the custodian from any unauthorized or unlawful disposition of such record.
- (6)(3)(a) Examination questions and answer sheets of examinations administered by a governmental agency for the purpose of licensure, certification, or employment are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. A person who has taken such an examination shall have the right to review his or her own completed examination.
- (b)1. Active criminal intelligence information and active criminal investigative information are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.



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- A request of a law enforcement agency to inspect or copy a public record that is in the custody of another agency, the custodian's response to the request, and any information that would identify the public record that was requested by the law enforcement agency or provided by the custodian are exempt from the requirements of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, during the period in which the information constitutes criminal intelligence criminalintelligence information or criminal investigative criminalinvestigative information that is active. This exemption is remedial in nature, and it is the intent of the Legislature that the exemption be applied to requests for information received before, on, or after the effective date of this subparagraph. The law enforcement agency shall give notice to the custodial agency when the criminal intelligence criminal-intelligence information or criminal investigative criminal-investigative information is no longer active, so that the custodian's response to the request and information that would identify the public record requested are available to the public. subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed October 2, 2007, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
- (c) Any information revealing the identity of a confidential informant or a confidential source is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.



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- Any information revealing surveillance techniques or procedures or personnel is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any comprehensive inventory of state and local law enforcement resources compiled pursuant to part I, chapter 23, and any comprehensive policies or plans compiled by a criminal justice agency pertaining to the mobilization, deployment, or tactical operations involved in responding to emergencies, as defined in s. 252.34(3), are exempt from the provisions of subsection(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and unavailable for inspection, except by personnel authorized by a state or local law enforcement agency, the office of the Governor, the Department of Legal Affairs, the Department of Law Enforcement, or the Department of Community Affairs as having an official need for access to the inventory or comprehensive policies or plans.
- (e) Any information revealing undercover personnel of any criminal justice agency is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (f) Any criminal intelligence information or criminal investigative information including the photograph, name, address, or other fact or information which reveals the identity of the victim of the crime of sexual battery as defined in chapter 794; the identity of the victim of a lewd or lascivious offense committed upon or in the presence of a person less than 16 years of age, as defined in chapter 800; or the identity of the victim of the crime of child abuse as defined by chapter 827 and any criminal intelligence information or criminal



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investigative information or other criminal record, including those portions of court records and court proceedings, which may reveal the identity of a person who is a victim of any sexual offense, including a sexual offense proscribed in chapter 794, chapter 800, or chapter 827, is exempt from the provisions of subsection(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

- (g) Any criminal intelligence information or criminal investigative information which reveals the personal assets of the victim of a crime, other than property stolen or destroyed during the commission of the crime, is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (h) All criminal intelligence and criminal investigative information received by a criminal justice agency prior to January 25, 1979, is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (i)1. 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 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and



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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 the provisions of subsection(1). 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). 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). 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



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prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

- 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, 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



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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 exempt status confidentiality of the personal information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written request for maintenance of the exemption confidentiality to the custodial agency.
- (j) Any information provided to an agency of state government or to an agency of a political subdivision of the state for the purpose of forming ridesharing arrangements, which information reveals the identity of an individual who has provided his or her name for ridesharing, as defined in s. 341.031, is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (k) Any information revealing the substance of a confession of a person arrested is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, until such time as the criminal case is finally determined by adjudication, dismissal, or other final disposition.
- (1)1. A public record which was prepared by an agency attorney (including an attorney employed or retained by the agency or employed or retained by another public officer or



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agency to protect or represent the interests of the agency having custody of the record) or prepared at the attorney's express direction, which reflects a mental impression, conclusion, litigation strategy, or legal theory of the attorney or the agency, and which was prepared exclusively for civil or criminal litigation or for adversarial administrative proceedings, or which was prepared in anticipation of imminent civil or criminal litigation or imminent adversarial administrative proceedings, is exempt from the provisions of subsection(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until the conclusion of the litigation or adversarial administrative proceedings. For purposes of capital collateral litigation as set forth in s. 27.7001, the Attorney General's office is entitled to claim this exemption for those public records prepared for direct appeal as well as for all capital collateral litigation after direct appeal until execution of sentence or imposition of a life sentence.

2. This exemption is not waived by the release of such public record to another public employee or officer of the same agency or any person consulted by the agency attorney. When asserting the right to withhold a public record pursuant to this paragraph, the agency shall identify the potential parties to any such criminal or civil litigation or adversarial administrative proceedings. If a court finds that the document or other record has been improperly withheld under this paragraph, the party seeking access to such document or record shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees and costs in addition to any other remedy ordered by the court.



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(m) Sealed bids or proposals received by an agency pursuant to invitations to bid or requests for proposals are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of a decision or intended decision pursuant to s. 120.57(3)(a) or within 10 days after bid or proposal opening, whichever is earlier.

(n) When an agency of the executive branch of state government seeks to acquire real property by purchase or through the exercise of the power of eminent domain all appraisals, other reports relating to value, offers, and counteroffers must be in writing and are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until execution of a valid option contract or a written offer to sell that has been conditionally accepted by the agency, at which time the exemption shall expire. The agency shall not finally accept the offer for a period of 30 days in order to allow public review of the transaction. The agency may give conditional acceptance to any option or offer subject only to final acceptance by the agency after the 30-day review period. If a valid option contract is not executed, or if a written offer to sell is not conditionally accepted by the agency, then the exemption from the provisions of this chapter shall expire at the conclusion of the condemnation litigation of the subject property. An agency of the executive branch may exempt title information, including names and addresses of property owners whose property is subject to acquisition by purchase or through the exercise of the power of eminent domain, from the provisions

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of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution to the same extent as appraisals, other reports relating to value, offers, and counteroffers. For the purpose of this paragraph, "option contract" means an agreement of an agency of the executive branch of state government to purchase real property subject to final agency approval. This paragraph shall have no application to other exemptions from the provisions of subsection (1) which are contained in other provisions of law and shall not be construed to be an express or implied repeal thereof.

- (o) Data processing software obtained by an agency under a licensing agreement which prohibits its disclosure and which software is a trade secret, as defined in s. 812.081, and agency-produced data processing software which is sensitive are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. The designation of agency-produced software as sensitive shall not prohibit an agency head from sharing or exchanging such software with another public agency. As used in this paragraph:
- 1. "Data processing software" means the programs and routines used to employ and control the capabilities of data processing hardware, including, but not limited to, operating systems, compilers, assemblers, utilities, library routines, maintenance routines, applications, and computer networking programs.
- 2. "Sensitive" means only those portions of data processing software, including the specifications and documentation, used to:

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a. Collect, process, store, and retrieve information which is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1);

- b. Collect, process, store, and retrieve financial management information of the agency, such as payroll and accounting records; or
- -c. Control and direct access authorizations and security measures for automated systems.
- All complaints and other records in the custody of any unit of local government which relate to a complaint of discrimination relating to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, marital status, sale or rental of housing, the provision of brokerage services, or the financing of housing are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until a finding is made relating to probable cause, the investigation of the complaint becomes inactive, or the complaint or other record is made part of the official record of any hearing or court proceeding. This provision shall not affect any function or activity of the Florida Commission on Human Relations. state or federal agency which is authorized to have access to such complaints or records by any provision of law shall be granted such access in the furtherance of such agency's statutory duties, notwithstanding the provisions of this section. This paragraph shall not be construed to modify or repeal any special or local act.
- (q) All complaints and other records in the custody of any agency in the executive branch of state government which relate to a complaint of discrimination relating to race, color,



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religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap, or marital status in connection with hiring practices, position classifications, salary, benefits, discipline, discharge, employee performance, evaluation, or other related activities are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until a finding is made relating to probable cause, the investigation of the complaint becomes inactive, or the complaint or other record is made part of the official record of any hearing or court proceeding. This provision shall not affect any function or activity of the Florida Commission on Human Relations. Any state or federal agency which is authorized to have access to such complaints or records by any provision of law shall be granted such access in the furtherance of such agency's statutory duties, notwithstanding the provisions of this section.

- (r) All records supplied by a telecommunications company, as defined by s. 364.02, to a state or local governmental agency which contain the name, address, and telephone number of subscribers are confidential and exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (s)1. Any document that reveals the identity, home or employment telephone number, home or employment address, or personal assets of the victim of a crime and identifies that person as the victim of a crime, which document is received by any agency that regularly receives information from or concerning the victims of crime, is exempt from the provisions of subsection(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any information not otherwise held confidential or exempt or



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confidential from the provisions of subsection (1) which reveals the home or employment telephone number, home or employment address, or personal assets of a person who has been the victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, upon written request by the victim, which must include official verification that an applicable crime has occurred. Such information shall cease to be exempt 5 years after the receipt of the written request. Any state or federal agency that is authorized to have access to such documents by any provision of law shall be granted such access in the furtherance of such agency's statutory duties, notwithstanding the provisions of this section.

2. Any information in a videotaped statement of a minor who is alleged to be or who is a victim of sexual battery, lewd acts, or other sexual misconduct proscribed in chapter 800 or in s. 794.011, s. 827.071, s. 847.012, s. 847.0125, s. 847.013, s. 847.0133, or s. 847.0145, which reveals that minor's identity, including, but not limited to, the minor's face; the minor's home, school, church, or employment telephone number; the minor's home, school, church, or employment address; the name of the minor's school, church, or place of employment; or the personal assets of the minor; and which identifies that minor as the victim of a crime described in this subparagraph, is confidential and exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any governmental agency that is authorized to have access to such statements by any provision of

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law shall be granted such access in the furtherance of the agency's statutory duties, notwithstanding the provisions of this section. 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, 2003.

- 3. A public employee or officer who has access to the videotaped statement of a minor who is alleged to be or who is a victim of sexual battery, lewd acts, or other sexual misconduct proscribed in chapter 800 or in s. 794.011, s. 827.071, s. 847.012, s. 847.0125, s. 847.013, s. 847.0133, or s. 847.0145, may not willfully and knowingly disclose videotaped information that reveals that minor's identity to a person who is not assisting in the investigation or prosecution of the alleged offense or to any person other than the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or a person specified in an order entered by the court having jurisdiction of the alleged offense.
- 4. A person who violates subparagraph 3. commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (t) Any financial statement which an agency requires a prospective bidder to submit in order to prequalify for bidding or for responding to a proposal for a road or any other public works project is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
- (u) Where the alleged victim chooses not to file a complaint and requests that records of the complaint remain confidential, all records relating to an allegation of employment discrimination are confidential and exempt from the



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provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

- (v) Medical information pertaining to a prospective, current, or former officer or employee of an agency which, if disclosed, would identify that officer or employee is exempt from the provisions of subsection(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. However, such information may be disclosed if the person to whom the information pertains or the person's legal representative provides written permission or pursuant to court order.
- (w)1. If certified pursuant to subparagraph 2., an investigatory record of the Chief Inspector General within the Executive Office of the Governor or of the employee designated by an agency head as the agency inspector general under s. 112.3189 is exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until the investigation ceases to be active, or a report detailing the investigation is provided to the Governor or the agency head, or 60 days from the inception of the investigation for which the record was made or received, whichever first occurs. Investigatory records are those records which are related to the investigation of an alleged, specific act or omission or other wrongdoing, with respect to an identifiable person or group of persons, based on information compiled by the Chief Inspector General or by an agency inspector general, as named under the provisions of s. 112.3189, in the course of an investigation. An investigation is active if it is continuing with a reasonable, good faith anticipation of resolution and with reasonable dispatch.



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- 2. The Governor, in the case of the Chief Inspector General, or agency head, in the case of an employee designated as the agency inspector general under s. 112.3189, may certify such investigatory records require an exemption to protect the integrity of the investigation or avoid unwarranted damage to an individual's good name or reputation. The certification shall specify the nature and purpose of the investigation and shall be kept with the exempt records and made public when the records are made public.
- 3. The provisions of this paragraph do not apply to whistle-blower investigations conducted pursuant to the provisions of ss. 112.3187, 112.3188, 112.3189, and 112.31895.
- (x) The social security numbers of all current and former agency employees which numbers are contained in agency employment records are exempt from subsection(1) and exempt from s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. As used in this paragraph, the term "agency" means an agency as defined in s. 119.011.
- (y) The audit report of an internal auditor prepared for or on behalf of a unit of local government becomes a public record when the audit becomes final. As used in this paragraph, "unit of local government" means a county, municipality, special district, local agency, authority, consolidated city-county government, or any other local governmental body or public body corporate or politic authorized or created by general or special law. An audit becomes final when the audit report is presented to the unit of local government. Audit workpapers and notes related to such audit report are confidential and exempt from



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the provisions of subsection(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until the audit is completed and the audit report becomes final.

- Any data, record, or document used directly or solely by a municipally owned utility to prepare and submit a bid relative to the sale, distribution, or use of any service, commodity, or tangible personal property to any customer or prospective customer shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption commences when a municipal utility identifies in writing a specific bid to which it intends to respond. exemption no longer applies when the contract for sale, distribution, or use of the service, commodity, or tangible personal property is executed, a decision is made not to execute such contract, or the project is no longer under active consideration. The exemption in this paragraph includes the bid documents actually furnished in response to the request for bids. However, the exemption for the bid documents submitted no longer applies after the bids are opened by the customer or prospective customer.
- (aa) Upon a request made in a form designated by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, personal information contained in a motor vehicle record that identifies the requester is exempt from subsection(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution except as provided in this paragraph. Personal information includes, but is not limited to, the requester's social security number, driver identification number, name, address, telephone number, and medical or

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disability information. For purposes of this paragraph, personal information does not include information relating to vehicular crashes, driving violations, and driver's status. Such request may be made only by the person who is the subject of the motor vehicle record. For purposes of this paragraph, "motor vehicle record" means any record that pertains to a motor vehicle operator's permit, motor vehicle title, motor vehicle registration, or identification card issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Personal information contained in motor vehicle records exempted by an individual's request pursuant to this paragraph shall be released by the department for any of the following uses:

- 1. For use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft; motor vehicle emissions; motor vehicle product alterations, recalls, or advisories; performance monitoring of motor vehicles and dealers by motor vehicle manufacturers; and removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers, to carry out the purposes of the Automobile Information Disclosure Act, the Motor Vehicle Information and Cost Saving Act, the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, the Anti-Car Theft Act of 1992, and the Clean Air Act.
- 2. For use by any government agency, including any court or law enforcement agency, in carrying out its functions, or any private person or entity acting on behalf of a federal, state, or local agency in carrying out its functions.
- 3. For use in connection with matters of motor vehicle or driver safety and theft; motor vehicle emissions; motor vehicle

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product alterations, recalls, or advisories; performance monitoring of motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, and dealers; motor vehicle market research activities, including survey research; and removal of nonowner records from the original owner records of motor vehicle manufacturers.

- 4. For use in the normal course of business by a legitimate business or its agents, employees, or contractors, but only:
- a. To verify the accuracy of personal information submitted by the individual to the business or its agents, employees, or contractors; and
- b. If such information as so submitted is not correct or is no longer correct, to obtain the correct information, but only for the purposes of preventing fraud by, pursuing legal remedies against, or recovering on a debt or security interest against, the individual.
- 5. For use in connection with any civil, criminal, administrative, or arbitral proceeding in any court or agency or before any self-regulatory body for:
- a. Service of process by any certified process server, special process server, or other person authorized to serve process in this state.
- b. Investigation in anticipation of litigation by an attorney licensed to practice law in this state or the agent of the attorney.
- c. Investigation by any person in connection with any filed proceeding.



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d. Execution or enforcement of judgments and orders. e. Compliance with an order of any court.

- 6. For use in research activities and for use in producing statistical reports, so long as the personal information is not published, redisclosed, or used to contact individuals.
- 7. For use by any insurer or insurance support organization, or by a self-insured entity, or its agents, employees, or contractors, in connection with claims investigation activities, anti-fraud activities, rating, or underwriting.
- 8. For use in providing notice to the owners of towed or impounded vehicles.
- 9. For use by any licensed private investigative agency or licensed security service for any purpose permitted under this paragraph. Personal information obtained based on an exempt driver's record may not be provided to a client who cannot demonstrate a need based on a police report, court order, or a business or personal relationship with the subject of the investigation.
- 10. For use by an employer or its agent or insurer to obtain or verify information relating to a holder of a commercial driver's license that is required under the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986, 49 U.S.C. App. 2710 et seq.
- 1278 11. For use in connection with the operation of private toll transportation facilities.



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- 12. For bulk distribution for surveys, marketing, or solicitations when the department has implemented methods and procedures to ensure that:
- a. Individuals are provided an opportunity, in a clear and conspicuous manner, to prohibit such uses; and
- b. The information will be used, rented, or sold solely for bulk distribution for survey, marketing, and solicitations, and that surveys, marketing, and solicitations will not be directed at those individuals who have timely requested that they not be directed at them.
- 13. For any use if the requesting person demonstrates that he or she has obtained the written consent of the person who is the subject of the motor vehicle record.
- 14. For any other use specifically authorized by state law, if such use is related to the operation of a motor vehicle or public safety.

Personal information exempted from public disclosure according to this paragraph may be disclosed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to an individual, firm, corporation, or similar business entity whose primary business interest is to resell or redisclose the personal information to persons who are authorized to receive such information. Prior to the department's disclosure of personal information, such individual, firm, corporation, or similar business entity must first enter into a contract with the department regarding the care, custody, and control of the personal information to ensure compliance with the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of



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1994 and applicable state laws. An authorized recipient of personal information contained in a motor vehicle record, except a recipient under subparagraph 12., may contract with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to resell or redisclose the information for any use permitted under this paragraph. However, only authorized recipients of personal information under subparagraph 12. may resell or redisclose personal information pursuant to subparagraph 12. authorized recipient who resells or rediscloses personal information shall maintain, for a period of 5 years, records identifying each person or entity that receives the personal information and the permitted purpose for which it will be used. Such records shall be made available for inspection upon request by the department. The department shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this paragraph and the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1994, Title XXX, Pub. L. No. 103-322. adopted by the department shall provide for the payment of applicable fees and, prior to the disclosure of personal information pursuant to this paragraph, shall require the meeting of conditions by the requesting person for the purposes of obtaining reasonable assurance concerning the identity of such requesting person, and, to the extent required, assurance that the use will be only as authorized or that the consent of the person who is the subject of the personal information has been obtained. Such conditions may include, but need not be limited to, the making and filing of a written application in such form and containing such information and certification requirements as the department requires.



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(bb)1. Medical history records, bank account numbers, credit card numbers, telephone numbers, and information related to health or property insurance furnished by an individual to any agency pursuant to federal, state, or local housing assistance programs are confidential and exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any other information produced or received by any private or public entity in direct connection with federal, state, or local housing assistance programs, unless the subject of another federal or state exemption, is subject to subsection (1).

- 2. Governmental agencies or their agents are entitled to access to the records specified in this paragraph for the purposes of auditing federal, state, or local housing programs or housing assistance programs. Such records may be used by an agency, as needed, in any administrative or judicial proceeding, provided such records are kept confidential and exempt, unless otherwise ordered by a court.
- 3. This paragraph is repealed effective October 2, 2003, and must be reviewed by the Legislature before that date in accordance with s. 119.15, the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995.
- (cc) All personal identifying information; bank account numbers; and debit, charge, and credit card numbers contained in records relating to an individual's personal health or eligibility for health-related services made or received by the Department of Health or its service providers are confidential and exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a),



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Art. I of the State Constitution, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph. Information made confidential and exempt by this paragraph shall be disclosed:

- 1. With the express written consent of the individual or the individual's legally authorized representative.
- 2. In a medical emergency, but only to the extent necessary to protect the health or life of the individual.
  - 3. By court order upon a showing of good cause.
- To a health research entity, if the entity seeks the records or data pursuant to a research protocol approved by the department, maintains the records or data in accordance with the approved protocol, and enters into a purchase and data-use agreement with the department, the fee provisions of which are consistent with subsection (4)  $\frac{1}{2}$  and (1)(a). The department may deny a request for records or data if the protocol provides for intrusive follow-back contacts, has not been approved by a human studies institutional review board, does not plan for the destruction of confidential records after the research is concluded, is administratively burdensome, or does not have scientific merit. The agreement must restrict the release of any information, which would permit the identification of persons, limit the use of records or data to the approved research protocol, and prohibit any other use of the records or data. Copies of records or data issued pursuant to this subparagraph remain the property of the department.

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This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995, in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand



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repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

- (dd) Bank account numbers and debit, charge, and credit card numbers held by an agency are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption applies to bank account numbers and debit, charge, and credit card numbers held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2007, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
- Building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and (ee) diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout and structural elements of a building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by an agency as defined in s. 119.011 are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption applies to building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams, including draft, preliminary, and final formats, which depict the internal layout and structural elements of a building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of this act. Information made exempt by this paragraph may be disclosed to another governmental entity if disclosure is necessary for the receiving entity to perform its duties and responsibilities; to a licensed architect, engineer,



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or contractor who is performing work on or related to the building, arena, stadium, water treatment facility, or other structure owned or operated by an agency; or upon a showing of good cause before a court of competent jurisdiction. The entities or persons receiving such information shall maintain the exempt status of the information. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2007, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

(ff)1. Until January 1, 2006, if a social security numbermade confidential and exempt pursuant to s. 119.0721 119.072, created pursuant to s. 1, ch. 2002-256, passed during the 2002 regular legislative session, or a complete bank account, debit, charge, or credit card number made exempt pursuant to s. 119.07(6)(dd)<del>(ee), created pursuant to s. 1, ch. 2002-257,</del> passed during the 2002 regular legislative session, is or has been included in a court file, such number may be included as part of the court record available for public inspection and copying unless redaction is requested by the holder of such number, or by the holder's attorney or legal guardian, in a signed, legibly written request specifying the case name, case number, document heading, and page number. The request must be delivered by mail, facsimile, electronic transmission, or in person to the clerk of the circuit court. The clerk of the circuit court does not have a duty to inquire beyond the written request to verify the identity of a person requesting redaction. A fee may not be charged for the redaction of a social security



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number or a bank account, debit, charge, or credit card number pursuant to such request.

Any person who prepares or files a document to be recorded in the official records by the county recorder as provided in chapter 28 may not include a person's social security number or complete bank account, debit, charge, or credit card number in that document unless otherwise expressly required by law. Until January 1, 2006, if a social security number or a complete bank account, debit, charge or credit card number is or has been included in a document presented to the county recorder for recording in the official records of the county, such number may be made available as part of the official record available for public inspection and copying. Any person, or his or her attorney or legal guardian, may request that a county recorder remove from an image or copy of an official record placed on a county recorder's publicly available Internet website, or a publicly available Internet website used by a county recorder to display public records outside the office or otherwise made electronically available outside the county recorder's office to the general public, his or her social security number or complete bank account, debit, charge, or credit card number contained in that official record. Such request must be legibly written, signed by the requester, and delivered by mail, facsimile, electronic transmission, or in person to the county recorder. The request must specify the identification page number of the document that contains the number to be redacted. The county recorder does not have a duty to inquire beyond the written request to verify the identity of

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a person requesting redaction. A fee may not be charged for redacting such numbers.

- 3. Upon the effective date of this act, subsections(3) and (4) of s. 119.0721 119.072, do not apply to the clerks of the circuit court or the county recorder with respect to court records and official records.
- 4. On January 1, 2006, and thereafter, the clerk of the circuit court and the county recorder must keep complete bank account, debit, charge, and credit card numbers exempt as provided for in s. 119.07(6)(dd)(3)(ee), and must keep social security numbers confidential and exempt as provided for in s. 119.0721(119.072), without any person having to request redaction.
- (gg) Any videotape or video signal which, under an agreement with an agency, is produced, made, or received by, or is in the custody of, a federally licensed radio or television station or its agent is exempt from this chapter.
- (7)(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt from subsection(1) a public record which was made a part of a court file and which is not specifically closed by order of court, except as provided in paragraphs (c), (d),(e), (k), (l), and (o) of subsection (6) (3) and except information or records which may reveal the identity of a person who is a victim of a sexual offense as provided in paragraph (f) of subsection (6) (3).
- (5) An exemption from this section does not imply an exemption from or exception to s. 286.011. The exemption from or exception to s. 286.011 must be expressly provided.



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(8)(6) Nothing in subsection (6) (3) or any other general or special law shall limit the access of the Auditor General, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, or any state, county, municipal, university, board of community college, school district, or special district internal auditor to public records when such person states in writing that such records are needed for a properly authorized audit, examination, or investigation. Such person shall maintain the exempt or confidential status confidentiality of a any public record records that is exempt or are confidential or exempt from the provisions of subsection (1) and shall be subject to the same penalties as the custodian custodians of that record those public records for public disclosure of such record violating confidentiality.

(7)(a) Any person or organization, including the Department of Children and Family Services, may petition the court for an order making public the records of the Department of Children and Family Services that pertain to investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, abandonment, or exploitation of a child or a vulnerable adult. The court shall determine if good cause exists for public access to the records sought or a portion thereof. In making this determination, the court shall balance the best interest of the vulnerable adult or child who is the focus of the investigation, and in the case of the child, the interest of that child's siblings, together with the privacy right of other persons identified in the reports against the public interest. The public interest in access to such records is reflected in s. 119.01(1), and includes the need for citizens

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to know of and adequately evaluate the actions of the Department of Children and Family Services and the court system in providing vulnerable adults and children of this state with the protections enumerated in ss. 39.001 and 415.101. However, this subsection does not contravene ss. 39.202 and 415.107, which protect the name of any person reporting the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a child or a vulnerable adult.

(b) In cases involving serious bodily injury to a child or a vulnerable adult, the Department of Children and Family Services may petition the court for an order for the immediate public release of records of the department which pertain to the protective investigation. The petition must be personally served upon the child or vulnerable adult, the child's parents or guardian, the legal guardian of that person, if any, and any person named as an alleged perpetrator in the report of abuse, neglect, abandonment, or exploitation. The court must determine if good cause exists for the public release of the records sought no later than 24 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the date the department filed the petition with the court. If the court has neither granted nor denied the petition within the 24-hour time period, the department may release to the public summary information including:

1. A confirmation that an investigation has been conducted concerning the alleged victim.

2. The dates and brief description of procedural activities undertaken during the department's investigation.

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3. The date of each judicial proceeding, a summary of each participant's recommendations made at the judicial proceedings, and the rulings of the court.

The summary information may not include the name of, or other identifying information with respect to, any person identified in any investigation. In making a determination to release confidential information, the court shall balance the best interests of the vulnerable adult or child who is the focus of the investigation and, in the case of the child, the interests of that child's siblings, together with the privacy rights of other persons identified in the reports against the public interest for access to public records. However, this paragraph does not contravene ss. 39.202 and 415.107, which protect the name of any person reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a child or a vulnerable adult.

(c) When the court determines that good cause for public access exists, the court shall direct that the department redact the name of and other identifying information with respect to any person identified in any protective investigation report until such time as the court finds that there is probable cause to believe that the person identified committed an act of alleged abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

(9)(8) The provisions of this section are not intended to expand or limit the provisions of Rule 3.220, Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, regarding the right and extent of discovery by the state or by a defendant in a criminal prosecution or in collateral postconviction proceedings. This section may not be

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used by any inmate as the basis for failing to timely litigate any postconviction action.

- Section 9. <u>Section 119.08, Florida Statutes, is repealed.</u>
  Section 10. Section 119.084, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 119.084 Definitions; copyright of data processing software created by governmental agencies; sale price and licensing fee; access to public records; prohibited contracts.--
  - (1) As used in this section, the term÷
- (a) "agency" has the same meaning as in s. 119.011(2), except that the term does not include any private agency, person, partnership, corporation, or business entity.
- (b) "Data processing software" means the programs and routines used to employ and control the capabilities of data processing hardware, including, but not limited to, operating systems, compilers, assemblers, utilities, library routines, maintenance routines, applications, and computer networking programs.
- (c) "Proprietary software" means data processing software that is protected by copyright or trade secret laws.
- (2) Any agency is authorized to acquire and hold copyrights for data processing software created by the agency and to enforce its rights pertaining to such copyrights, provided that the agency complies with the requirements of this section.
- (a) Any agency that has acquired a copyright for data processing software created by the agency may sell or license the copyrighted data processing software to any public agency or

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private person and may establish a price for the sale and a license fee for the use of such data processing software. Proceeds from the sale or licensing of copyrighted data processing software shall be deposited by the agency into a trust fund for the agency's appropriate use for authorized purposes. Counties, municipalities, and other political subdivisions of the state may designate how such sale and licensing proceeds are to be used. The price for the sale of and the fee for the licensing of copyrighted data processing software may be based on market considerations. However, the prices or fees for the sale or licensing of copyrighted data processing software to an individual or entity solely for application to information maintained or generated by the agency that created the copyrighted data processing software shall be determined pursuant to s. 119.07(4)(1).

- (b) The provisions of this subsection are supplemental to, and shall not supplant or repeal, any other provision of law that authorizes an agency to acquire and hold copyrights.
- (3) Subject to the restrictions of copyright and trade secret laws and public records exemptions, agency use of proprietary software must not diminish the right of the public to inspect and copy a public record.
- (4) An agency must consider when designing or acquiring an electronic recordkeeping system that such system is capable of providing data in some common format such as, but not limited to, the American Standard Code for Information Interchange.
- (5) Each agency that maintains a public record in an electronic recordkeeping system shall provide to any person,

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pursuant to this chapter, a copy of any public record in that system which is not exempted by law from public disclosure. An agency must provide a copy of the record in the medium requested if the agency maintains the record in that medium, and the agency may charge a fee which shall be in accordance with this chapter. For the purpose of satisfying a public records request, the fee to be charged by an agency if it elects to provide a copy of a public record in a medium not routinely used by the agency, or if it elects to compile information not routinely developed or maintained by the agency or that requires a substantial amount of manipulation or programming, must be in accordance with s. 119.07(1)(b).

(6) An agency may not enter into a contract for the creation or maintenance of a public records database if that contract impairs the ability of the public to inspect or copy the public records of that agency, including public records that are on-line or stored in an electronic recordkeeping system used by the agency. Such contract may not allow any impediment that as a practical matter makes it more difficult for the public to inspect or copy the records than to inspect or copy the agency's records. The fees and costs for the production of such records may not be more than the fees or costs charged by the agency.

(3)(7) This section 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.

Section 11. <u>Sections 119.085 and 119.09</u>, Florida Statutes, are repealed.



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Section 12. Section 119.10, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 119.10 Violation of chapter; penalties.--
- (1) Any public officer who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a noncriminal infraction, punishable by fine not exceeding \$500.
- (2) Any person who willfully and knowingly violates:
- (a) Any of the provisions of this chapter <u>commits</u> is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (b)(3) Section Any person who willfully and knowingly violates s. 119.105 commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.775.084.
- Section 13. Section 119.105, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- accidents.—Police reports are public records except as otherwise made exempt or confidential by general or special law. Every person is allowed to examine nonexempt or nonconfidential police reports. No person who inspects or copies police reports for the purpose of obtaining the names and addresses of the victims of crimes or accidents shall use any information contained therein for any commercial solicitation of the victims or relatives of the victims of the reported crimes or accidents. Nothing herein shall prohibit the publication of such information by any news media or the use of such information for any other data collection or analysis purposes.



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Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 120.55, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

120.55 Publication. --

- (1) The Department of State shall:
- Through a continuous revision system, compile and publish the "Florida Administrative Code." The Florida Administrative Code shall contain Publish in a permanent compilation entitled "Florida Administrative Code" all rules adopted by each agency, citing the specific rulemaking authority pursuant to which each rule was adopted, all history notes as authorized in s. 120.545(9), and complete indexes to all rules contained in the code. Supplementation shall be made as often as practicable, but at least monthly. The department may contract with a publishing firm for the publication, in a timely and useful form, of the Florida Administrative Code; however, the department shall retain responsibility for the code as provided in this section. This publication shall be the official compilation of the administrative rules of this state. The Department of State shall retain the copyright over the Florida Administrative Code.
- 2. Rules general in form but applicable to only one school district, community college district, or county, or a part thereof, or state university rules relating to internal personnel or business and finance shall not be published in the Florida Administrative Code. Exclusion from publication in the Florida Administrative Code shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of such rules.



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3. At the beginning of the section of the code dealing with an agency that files copies of its rules with the department, the department shall publish the address and telephone number of the executive offices of each agency, the manner by which the agency indexes its rules, a listing of all rules of that agency excluded from publication in the code, and a statement as to where those rules may be inspected.

- 4. Forms shall not be published in the Florida
  Administrative Code; but any form which an agency uses in its
  dealings with the public, along with any accompanying
  instructions, shall be filed with the committee before it is
  used. Any form or instruction which meets the definition of
  "rule" provided in s. 120.52 shall be incorporated by reference
  into the appropriate rule. The reference shall specifically
  state that the form is being incorporated by reference and shall
  include the number, title, and effective date of the form and an
  explanation of how the form may be obtained.
- Section 15. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 257.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 257.36 Records and information management.--
- 1744 (2)
  - (b) Title to any record detained in any records center shall remain in the agency transferring such record to the division. When the Legislature transfers any duty or responsibility of an agency to another agency, the receiving agency shall be the custodian of public records with regard to the public records associated with that transferred duty or responsibility and shall be responsible for the records storage



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the legislation dissolving that agency does not assign an existing agency as the custodian of public records for the dissolved agency's records, then the Cabinet is the custodian of public records for the dissolved agency, unless the Cabinet otherwise designates a custodian. The Cabinet or the agency designated by the Cabinet shall be responsible for the records storage service charges of the division.

Section 16. Subsection (5) of section 328.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

328.15 Notice of lien on vessel; recording.--

shall make such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or proper for the effective administration of this law. The department may by rule require that a notice of satisfaction of a lien be notarized. The department shall prepare the forms of the notice of lien and the satisfaction of lien to be supplied, at a charge not to exceed 50 percent more than cost, to applicants for recording the liens or satisfactions and shall keep a permanent record of such notices of lien and satisfactions available for inspection by the public at all reasonable times. The division is authorized to furnish certified copies of such satisfactions for a fee of \$1, which certified copies shall be admissible in evidence in all courts of this state under the same conditions and to the same effect as certified copies of other public records.

Section 17. Subsection (4) of section 372.5717, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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372.5717 Hunter safety course; requirements; penalty.--

(4) The commission shall issue a permanent hunter safety certification card to each person who successfully completes the hunter safety course. The commission shall maintain permanent records of hunter safety certification cards issued and shall establish procedures for replacing lost or destroyed cards.

Section 18. Section 415.1071, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

## 415.1071 Release of confidential information .--

(1) Any person or organization, including the Department of Children and Family Services, may petition the court for an order making public the records of the Department of Children and Family Services that pertain to investigations of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult. The court shall determine whether good cause exists for public access to the records sought or a portion thereof. In making this determination, the court shall balance the best interest of the vulnerable adult who is the focus of the investigation, together with the privacy right of other persons identified in the reports, against the public interest. The public interest in access to such records is reflected in s. 119.01(1) and includes the need for citizens to know of and adequately evaluate the actions of the Department of Children and Family Services and the court system in providing vulnerable adults of this state with the protections enumerated in s. 415.101. However, this subsection does not contravene s. 415.107, which protects the name of any person reporting the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult.



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vulnerable adult, the Department of Children and Family Services may petition the court for an order for the immediate public release of records of the department which pertain to the protective investigation. The petition must be personally served upon the vulnerable adult, the legal guardian of that person, if any, and any person named as an alleged perpetrator in the report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. The court must determine whether good cause exists for the public release of the records sought no later than 24 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after the date the department filed the petition with the court. If the court has neither granted nor denied the petition within the 24-hour time period, the department may release to the public summary information including:

- (a) A confirmation that an investigation has been conducted concerning the alleged victim.
- (b) The dates and brief description of procedural activities undertaken during the department's investigation.
- (c) The date of each judicial proceeding, a summary of each participant's recommendations made at the judicial proceeding, and the ruling of the court.

The summary information may not include the name of, or other
identifying information with respect to, any person identified
in any investigation. In making a determination to release
confidential information, the court shall balance the best
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investigation, together with the privacy rights of other persons identified in the reports, against the public interest for access to public records. However, this subsection does not contravene s. 415.107, which protects the name of any person reporting abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

- (3) When the court determines that good cause for public access exists, the court shall direct that the department redact the name of and other identifying information with respect to any person identified in any protective investigation report until such time as the court finds that there is probable cause to believe that the person identified committed an act of alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 560.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 560.121 Records; limited restrictions upon public access.--
- (2) Examination reports, investigatory records, applications, and related information compiled by the department, or photographic copies thereof, shall be retained by the department for a period of at least 3 10 years from the date that the examination or investigation ceases to be active.

  Application records and related information compiled by the department, or photographic copies thereof, shall be retained by the department for a period of at least 2 years from the date that the registration ceases to be active.
- Section 20. Subsection (6) of section 560.123, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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560.123 Florida control of money laundering in the Money Transmitters' Code; reports of transactions involving currency or monetary instruments; when required; purpose; definitions; penalties; corpus delicti.--

- (6) The department must retain a copy of all reports received under subsection (5) for a minimum of  $\underline{3}$  5 calendar years after receipt of the report. However, if a report or information contained in a report is known by the department to be the subject of an existing criminal proceeding, the report must be retained for a minimum of 10 calendar years from the date of receipt.
- Section 21. Subsection (5) of section 560.129, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 560.129 Confidentiality.--
- (5) Examination reports, investigatory records, applications, and related information compiled by the department, or photographic copies thereof, shall be retained by the department for a period of at least 3 10 years from the date that the examination or investigation ceases to be active.

  Application records and related information compiled by the department, or photographic copies thereof, shall be retained by the department for a period of at least 2 years from the date that the registration ceases to be active.
- Section 22. Subsection (3) of section 624.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 624.311 Records; reproductions; destruction. --
- 1889 (3) The department may photograph, microphotograph, or reproduce on film, or maintain in an electronic recordkeeping

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system whereby each page will be reproduced in exact conformity with the original, all financial records, financial statements of domestic insurers, reports of business transacted in this state by foreign insurers and alien insurers, reports of examination of domestic insurers, and such other records and documents on file in its office as it may in its discretion select.

Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 624.312, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.312 Reproductions and certified copies of records as evidence.--

(1) Photographs or microphotographs in the form of film or prints, or other reproductions from an electronic recordkeeping system, of documents and records made under s. 624.311(3), or made under former s. 624.311(3) before October 1, 1982, shall have the same force and effect as the originals thereof and shall be treated as originals for the purpose of their admissibility in evidence. Duly certified or authenticated reproductions of such photographs or microphotographs or reproductions from an electronic recordkeeping system shall be as admissible in evidence as the originals.

Section 24. Subsection (2) of section 633.527, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 633.527 Records concerning applicant; extent of confidentiality.--
- (2) All examination test questions, answer sheets, and grades shall be retained for a period of  $\underline{2}$  5 years from the date of the examination.

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Section 25. Subsection (8) of section 655.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

655.50 Florida Control of Money Laundering in Financial Institutions Act; reports of transactions involving currency or monetary instruments; when required; purpose; definitions; penalties.--

- (8)(a) The department shall retain a copy of all reports received under subsection (4) for a minimum of 5 calendar years after receipt of the report. However, if a report or information contained in a report is known by the department to be the subject of an existing criminal proceeding, the report shall be retained for a minimum of 10 calendar years after receipt of the report.
- (a)(b) Each financial institution shall maintain for a minimum of 5 calendar years full and complete records of all financial transactions, including all records required by 31 C.F.R. parts 103.33 and 103.34.
- (b)(c) The financial institution shall retain a copy of all reports filed with the department under subsection (4) for a minimum of 5 calendar years after submission of the report.

  However, if a report or information contained in a report is known by the financial institution to be the subject of an existing criminal proceeding, the report shall be retained for a minimum of 10 calendar years after submission of the report.
- $\underline{(c)}$  (d) The financial institution shall retain a copy of all records of exemption for each designation of exempt person made pursuant to subsection (6) for a minimum of 5 calendar years after termination of exempt status of such customer.

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However, if it is known by the financial institution that the customer or the transactions of the customer are the subject of an existing criminal proceeding, the records shall be retained for a minimum of 10 calendar years after termination of exempt status of such customer.

Section 26. Section 945.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

## 945.25 Records.--

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Department of Corrections to obtain and place in its permanent records information as complete as practicable may be practicably available on every person who may be sentenced to supervision or incarceration under the jurisdiction of the department become subject to parole. Such information shall be obtained as soon as possible after imposition of sentence and shall, in the discretion of the department, include, among other things:
- (a) A copy of the indictment or information and a complete statement of the facts of the crime for which such person has been sentenced.
  - (b) The court in which the person was sentenced.
  - (c) The terms of the sentence.
- (d) The name of the presiding judge, the prosecuting officers, the investigating officers, and the attorneys for the person convicted.
- (e) A copy of all probation reports which may have been made.
- 1973 (f) Any social, physical, mental, psychiatric, or criminal 1974 record of such person.

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(2) The department, in its discretion, shall also obtain and place in its permanent records such information on every person who may be placed on probation, and on every person who may become subject to pardon and commutation of sentence.

- (3) It shall be the duty of the court and its prosecuting officials to furnish to the department upon its request such information and also to furnish such copies of such minutes and other records as may be in their possession or under their control.
- (3)(4) Following the initial hearing provided for in s. 947.172(1), the commission shall prepare and the department shall include in the official record a copy of the seriousness-of-offense and favorable-parole-outcome scores and shall include a listing of the specific factors and information used in establishing a presumptive parole release date for the inmate.

Section 27. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 985.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 985.31 Serious or habitual juvenile offender.--
- (4) ASSESSMENTS, TESTING, RECORDS, AND INFORMATION. --
- (e) The results of any serologic blood or urine test on a serious or habitual juvenile offender shall become a part of that child's permanent medical file. Upon transfer of the child to any other designated treatment facility, such file shall be transferred in an envelope marked confidential. The results of any test designed to identify the human immunodeficiency virus, or its antigen or antibody, shall be accessible only to persons designated by rule of the department. The provisions of such



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rule shall be consistent with the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section 28. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section 212.095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

212.095 Refunds.--

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(d) The department shall keep a permanent record of the amount of refund claimed and paid to each claimant. Such records shall be open to public inspection.

Section 29. Subsection (9) of section 238.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

238.03 Administration.--

(9) The department is authorized to photograph and reduce to microfilm as a permanent record, its ledger sheets showing the salary and contributions of members of the retirement system, also the records of deceased members of the system and thereupon to destroy the documents from which such films are photographed.

Section 30. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 15.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15.09 Fees.--

(5)(a) There is created within the Department of State a Public Access Data Systems Trust Fund, which shall be used by the department to purchase information systems and equipment that provide greater public accessibility to the information and records maintained by it. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Divisions of Licensing, Elections, and Corporations of the department shall transfer each fiscal year to the Public

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2030 Access Data Systems Trust Fund from their respective trust 2031 funds:

- 1. An amount equal to 2 percent of all revenues received for the processing of documents, filings, or information requests.
- 2. All public access network revenues collected pursuant to s. 15.16 or s.  $119.01(2)(f) \frac{119.085}{}$ .
- Section 31. Paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of section 23.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 23.22 Paperwork reduction; activities of departments.--
- (1) In order to reduce the amount of paperwork associated with the collection of information from individuals, private-sector organizations, and local governments and to provide more efficient and effective assistance to such individuals and organizations in completing necessary paperwork required by the government, each department head shall, to the extent feasible:
- (f) Collaborate with the Division of Library and Information Services, pursuant to s. <a href="https://documents.org/library">119.021(2)(d)</a> 119.09, to identify and index records retention requirements placed on private-sector organizations and local governments in Florida, clarify and reduce the requirements, and educate the affected entities through various communications media, including voice, data, video, radio, and image.
- Section 32. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 101.5607, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 101.5607 Department of State to maintain voting system information; prepare software.--

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2058 (d) Section 119.07(6)(o) applies to all software on 2059 file with the Department of State.

Section 33. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 112.533, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112.533 Receipt and processing of complaints.--

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(b) This subsection does not apply to any public record which is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to s.  $119.07\underline{(6)}\underline{(3)}$ . For the purposes of this subsection, an investigation shall be considered active as long as it is continuing with a reasonable, good faith anticipation that an administrative finding will be made in the foreseeable future. An investigation shall be presumed to be inactive if no finding is made within 45 days after the complaint is filed.

Section 34. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 1012.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1012.31 Personnel files.--Public school system employee personnel files shall be maintained according to the following provisions:

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(e) Upon request, an employee, or any person designated in writing by the employee, shall be permitted to examine the personnel file of such employee. The employee shall be permitted conveniently to reproduce any materials in the file, at a cost no greater than the fees prescribed in s.  $119.07(4) \frac{1}{1}$ .

Section 35. Subsection (1) of section 257.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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257.34 Florida International Archive and Repository .--

- (1) There is created within the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State the Florida International Archive and Repository for the preservation of those public records, as defined in s. 119.011(11)(1), manuscripts, international judgments involving disputes between domestic and foreign businesses, and all other public matters that the department or the Florida Council of International Development deems relevant to international issues. It is the duty and responsibility of the division to:
- (a) Organize and administer the Florida International Archive and Repository.
- (b) Preserve and administer records that are transferred to its custody; accept, arrange, and preserve them, according to approved archival and repository practices; and permit them, at reasonable times and under the supervision of the division, to be inspected, examined, and copied. All public records transferred to the custody of the division are subject to the provisions of s. 119.07(1).
- (c) Assist the records and information management program in the determination of retention values for records.
- (d) Cooperate with and assist, insofar as practicable, state institutions, departments, agencies, counties, municipalities, and individuals engaged in internationally related activities.
- (e) Provide a public research room where, under rules established by the division, the materials in the international archive and repository may be studied.

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- (f) Conduct, promote, and encourage research in international trade, government, and culture and maintain a program of information, assistance, coordination, and guidance for public officials, educational institutions, libraries, the scholarly community, and the general public engaged in such research.
- (g) Cooperate with and, insofar as practicable, assist agencies, libraries, institutions, and individuals in projects concerned with internationally related issues and preserve original materials relating to internationally related issues.
- (h) Assist and cooperate with the records and information management program in the training and information program described in s. 257.36(1)(g).

Section 36. Subsection (1) of section 257.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

257.35 Florida State Archives.--

- (1) There is created within the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State the Florida State Archives for the preservation of those public records, as defined in s. 119.011(11)(1), manuscripts, and other archival material that have been determined by the division to have sufficient historical or other value to warrant their continued preservation and have been accepted by the division for deposit in its custody. It is the duty and responsibility of the division to:
  - (a) Organize and administer the Florida State Archives.
- (b) Preserve and administer such records as shall be transferred to its custody; accept, arrange, and preserve them,



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according to approved archival practices; and permit them, at reasonable times and under the supervision of the division, to be inspected, examined, and copied. All public records transferred to the custody of the division shall be subject to the provisions of s. 119.07(1), except that any public record or other record provided by law to be confidential or prohibited from inspection by the public shall be made accessible only after a period of 50 years from the date of the creation of the record. Any nonpublic manuscript or other archival material which is placed in the keeping of the division under special terms and conditions, shall be made accessible only in accordance with such law terms and conditions and shall be exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) to the extent necessary to meet the terms and conditions for a nonpublic manuscript or other archival material.

- (c) Assist the records and information management program in the determination of retention values for records.
- (d) Cooperate with and assist insofar as practicable state institutions, departments, agencies, counties, municipalities, and individuals engaged in activities in the field of state archives, manuscripts, and history and accept from any person any paper, book, record, or similar material which in the judgment of the division warrants preservation in the state archives.
- (e) Provide a public research room where, under rules established by the division, the materials in the state archives may be studied.

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(f) Conduct, promote, and encourage research in Florida history, government, and culture and maintain a program of information, assistance, coordination, and guidance for public officials, educational institutions, libraries, the scholarly community, and the general public engaged in such research.

- (g) Cooperate with and, insofar as practicable, assist agencies, libraries, institutions, and individuals in projects designed to preserve original source materials relating to Florida history, government, and culture and prepare and publish handbooks, guides, indexes, and other literature directed toward encouraging the preservation and use of the state's documentary resources.
- (h) Encourage and initiate efforts to preserve, collect, process, transcribe, index, and research the oral history of Florida government.
- (i) Assist and cooperate with the records and information management program in the training and information program described in s. 257.36(1)(g).

Section 37. Section 282.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

282.21 The State Technology Office's electronic access services.—The State Technology Office may collect fees for providing remote electronic access pursuant to s. <a href="https://example.com/19.01(2)(f)">119.085</a>. The fees may be imposed on individual transactions or as a fixed subscription for a designated period of time. All fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the appropriate trust fund of the program or activity that made the remote electronic access available.

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2197 Section 38. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section 2198 287.0943, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2199 287.0943 Certification of minority business enterprises.--2200 (2) 2201 The certification procedures should allow an applicant (h) 2202 seeking certification to designate on the application form the 2203 information the applicant considers to be proprietary, 2204 confidential business information. As used in this paragraph, "proprietary, confidential business information" includes, but 2205 2206 is not limited to, any information that would be exempt from 2207 public inspection pursuant to the provisions of s. 119.07(6)(3); trade secrets; internal auditing controls and reports; contract 2208 2209 costs; or other information the disclosure of which would injure 2210 the affected party in the marketplace or otherwise violate s. 2211 286.041. The executor in receipt of the application shall issue 2212 written and final notice of any information for which 2213 noninspection is requested but not provided for by law. 2214 Section 39. Subsection (1) of section 320.05, Florida 2215 Statutes, is amended to read: 2216 320.05 Records of the department; inspection procedure; 2217 lists and searches; fees. --2218 Except as provided in ss. 119.07(6)(3) and 320.025(3),

(1) Except as provided in ss.  $119.07\underline{(6)}\overline{(3)}$  and 320.025(3) the department may release records as provided in this section.

Section 40. Subsection (8) of section 322.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.20 Records of the department; fees; destruction of records.--



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2224 (8) Except as provided in s.  $119.07\underline{(6)}\overline{(3)}$ , the department 2225 may release records as provided in this section.

Section 41. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 338.223, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

338.223 Proposed turnpike projects.--

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In accordance with the legislative intent expressed in (b) s. 337.273, and after the requirements of paragraph(1)(c) have been met, the department may acquire lands and property before making a final determination of the economic feasibility of a project. The requirements of paragraph (1)(c) do not apply to hardship and protective purchases of advance right-of-way by The cost of advance acquisition of right-of-way the department. may be paid from bonds issued under s. 337.276 or from turnpike revenues. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "hardship purchase" means purchase from a property owner of a residential dwelling of not more than four units who is at a disadvantage due to health impairment, job loss, or significant loss of rental income. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "protective purchase" means that a purchase to limit development, building, or other intensification of land uses within the area right-of-way is needed for transportation facilities. The department shall give written notice to the Department of Environmental Protection 30 days before final agency acceptance as set forth in s. 119.07(6)(3)(n), which notice shall allow the Department of Environmental Protection to comment. Hardship and protective purchases of right-of-way shall not influence the environmental feasibility of a project,

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including the decision relative to the need to construct the project or the selection of a specific location. Costs to acquire and dispose of property acquired as hardship and protective purchases are considered costs of doing business for the department and are not to be considered in the determination of environmental feasibility for the project.

Section 42. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 378.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

378.406 Confidentiality of records; availability of information.--

(1)(a) Any information relating to prospecting, rock grades, or secret processes or methods of operation which may be required, ascertained, or discovered by inspection or investigation shall be exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1), shall not be disclosed in public hearings, and shall be kept confidential by any member, officer, or employee of the department, if the applicant requests the department to keep such information confidential and informs the department of the basis for such confidentiality. Should the secretary determine that such information requested to be kept confidential shall not be kept confidential, the secretary shall provide the operator with not less than 30 days' notice of his or her intent to release the information. When making his or her determination, the secretary shall consider the public purposes specified in s. 119.15 119.14(4)(b).

Section 43. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 400.0077, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.0077 Confidentiality.--



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(1) The following are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1):

- (c) Any other information about a complaint, including any problem identified by an ombudsman council as a result of an investigation, unless an ombudsman council determines that the information does not meet any of the criteria specified in s. 

  119.15 119.14(4)(b)÷ or unless the information is to collect data for submission to those entities specified in s. 712(c) of the federal Older Americans Act for the purpose of identifying and resolving significant problems.
- Section 44. Subsection (5) of section 401.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
  - 401.27 Personnel; standards and certification. --
- (5) The certification examination must be offered monthly. The department shall issue an examination admission notice to the applicant advising him or her of the time and place of the examination for which he or she is scheduled. Individuals achieving a passing score on the certification examination may be issued a temporary certificate with their examination grade report. The department must issue an original certification within 45 days after the examination. Examination questions and answers are not subject to discovery but may be introduced into evidence and considered only in camera in any administrative proceeding under chapter 120. If an administrative hearing is held, the department shall provide challenged examination questions and answers to the administrative law judge. The department shall establish by rule the procedure by which an



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applicant, and the applicant's attorney, may review examination questions and answers in accordance with s. 119.07(6)(3)(a).

Section 45. Subsection (1) of section 403.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

403.111 Confidential records.--

Any information, other than effluent data and those records described in 42 U.S.C. s. 7661a(b)(8), relating to secret processes or secret methods of manufacture or production, or relating to costs of production, profits, or other financial information which is otherwise not public record, which may be required, ascertained, or discovered by inspection or investigation shall be exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1), shall not be disclosed in public hearings, and shall be kept confidential by any member, officer, or employee of the department, upon a showing satisfactory to the department that the information should be kept confidential. The person from whom the information is obtained must request that the department keep such information confidential and must inform the department of the basis for the claim of confidentiality. The department shall, subject to notice and opportunity for hearing, determine whether the information requested to be kept confidential should or should not be kept confidential. department shall determine whether the information submitted should be kept confidential pursuant to the public purpose test as stated in s.  $119.15 \frac{119.14}{4}(4)(b)3$ .

Section 46. Section 409.2577, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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409.2577 Parent locator service. -- The department shall establish a parent locator service to assist in locating parents who have deserted their children and other persons liable for support of dependent children. The department shall use all sources of information available, including the Federal Parent Locator Service, and may request and shall receive information from the records of any person or the state or any of its political subdivisions or any officer thereof. Any agency as defined in s. 120.52, any political subdivision, and any other person shall, upon request, provide the department any information relating to location, salary, insurance, social security, income tax, and employment history necessary to locate parents who owe or potentially owe a duty of support pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. This provision shall expressly take precedence over any other statutory nondisclosure provision which limits the ability of an agency to disclose such information, except that law enforcement information as provided in s. 119.07(6)(3)(i) is not required to be disclosed, and except that confidential taxpayer information possessed by the Department of Revenue shall be disclosed only to the extent authorized in s. 213.053(15). Nothing in this section requires the disclosure of information if such disclosure is prohibited by federal law. Information gathered or used by the parent locator service is confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1). Additionally, the department is authorized to collect any additional information directly bearing on the identity and whereabouts of a person owing or asserted to be owing an obligation of support for a dependent child. The



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department shall, upon request, make information available only to public officials and agencies of this state; political subdivisions of this state, including any agency thereof providing child support enforcement services to non-Title IV-D clients; the custodial parent, legal guardian, attorney, or agent of the child; and other states seeking to locate parents who have deserted their children and other persons liable for support of dependents, for the sole purpose of establishing, modifying, or enforcing their liability for support, and shall make such information available to the Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of diligent search activities pursuant to chapter 39. If the department has reasonable evidence of domestic violence or child abuse and the disclosure of information could be harmful to the custodial parent or the child of such parent, the child support program director or designee shall notify the Department of Children and Family Services and the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services of this evidence. Such evidence is sufficient grounds for the department to disapprove an application for location services.

Section 47. Subsection (6) of section 455.219, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

455.219 Fees; receipts; disposition; periodic management reports.--

(6) The department or the appropriate board shall charge a fee not to exceed \$25 for the certification of a public record. The fee shall be determined by rule of the department. The department or the appropriate board shall assess a fee for

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2390 duplication of a public record as provided in s.  $119.07\underline{(4)}\underline{(1)(a)}$ 2391 and (b).

Section 48. Subsection (11) of section 456.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.025 Fees; receipts; disposition. --

(11) The department or the appropriate board shall charge a fee not to exceed \$25 for the certification of a public record. The fee shall be determined by rule of the department. The department or the appropriate board shall assess a fee for duplicating a public record as provided in s.  $119.07\underline{(4)}(1)(a)$  and (b).

Section 49. Paragraph (1) of subsection (3) of section 627.311, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.311 Joint underwriters and joint reinsurers.--

(3) The department may, after consultation with insurers licensed to write automobile insurance in this state, approve a joint underwriting plan for purposes of equitable apportionment or sharing among insurers of automobile liability insurance and other motor vehicle insurance, as an alternate to the plan required in s. 627.351(1). All insurers authorized to write automobile insurance in this state shall subscribe to the plan and participate therein. The plan shall be subject to continuous review by the department which may at any time disapprove the entire plan or any part thereof if it determines that conditions have changed since prior approval and that in view of the purposes of the plan changes are warranted. Any disapproval by the department shall be subject to the provisions



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of chapter 120. If adopted, the plan and the association created under the plan:

- (1)1. Shall be subject to the public records requirements of chapter 119 and the public meeting requirements of s. 286.011. However, the following records of the Florida Automobile Joint Underwriting Association are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:
- a. Underwriting files, except that a policyholder or an applicant shall have access to his or her own underwriting files.
- b. Claims files, until termination of all litigation and settlement of all claims arising out of the same incident, although portions of the claims files may remain exempt, as otherwise provided by law. Confidential and exempt claims file records may be released to other governmental agencies upon written request and demonstration of need; such records held by the receiving agency remain confidential and exempt as provided by this paragraph.
- c. Records obtained or generated by an internal auditor pursuant to a routine audit, until the audit is completed or, if the audit is conducted as part of an investigation, until the investigation is closed or ceases to be active. An investigation is considered "active" while the investigation is being conducted with a reasonable, good faith belief that it could lead to the filing of administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

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d. Matters reasonably encompassed in privileged attorneyclient communications.

- e. Proprietary information licensed to the association under contract when the contract provides for the confidentiality of such proprietary information.
- f. All information relating to the medical condition or medical status of an association employee which is not relevant to the employee's capacity to perform his or her duties, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph. Information which is exempt shall include, but is not limited to, information relating to workers' compensation, insurance benefits, and retirement or disability benefits.
- g. All records relative to an employee's participation in an employee assistance program designed to assist any employee who has a behavioral or medical disorder, substance abuse problem, or emotional difficulty which affects the employee's job performance, except as otherwise provided in s. 112.0455(11).
- h. Information relating to negotiations for financing, reinsurance, depopulation, or contractual services, until the conclusion of the negotiations.
- i. Minutes of closed meetings regarding underwriting files, and minutes of closed meetings regarding an open claims file until termination of all litigation and settlement of all claims with regard to that claim, except that information otherwise confidential or exempt by law must be redacted. When an authorized insurer is considering underwriting a risk insured by the association, relevant underwriting files and confidential



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claims files may be released to the insurer provided the insurer agrees in writing, notarized and under oath, to maintain the confidentiality of such files. When a file is transferred to an insurer, that file is no longer a public record because it is not held by an agency subject to the provisions of the public records law. The association may make the following information obtained from underwriting files and confidential claims files available to licensed general lines insurance agents: name, address, and telephone number of the automobile owner or insured; location of the risk; rating information; loss history; and policy type. The receiving licensed general lines insurance agent must retain the confidentiality of the information received.

2. Portions of meetings of the Florida Automobile Joint Underwriting Association during which confidential underwriting files or confidential open claims files are discussed are exempt from the provisions of s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution. All portions of association meetings which are closed to the public shall be recorded by a court reporter. The court reporter shall record the times of commencement and termination of the meeting, all discussion and proceedings, the names of all persons present at any time, and the names of all persons speaking. No portion of any closed meeting shall be off the record. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph and s. 119.07(1)(b)-(d)(2)(a), the court reporter's notes of any closed meeting shall be retained by the association for a minimum of 5 years. A copy of the transcript, less any exempt matters, of any closed meeting during which claims are discussed shall

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2500 become public as to individual claims after settlement of the claim.

This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2003, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 50. Paragraph (n) of subsection (6) of section 627.351, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 627.351 Insurance risk apportionment plans.--
- (6) CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE CORPORATION. --
- (n)1. The following records of the corporation are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:
- a. Underwriting files, except that a policyholder or an applicant shall have access to his or her own underwriting files.
- b. Claims files, until termination of all litigation and settlement of all claims arising out of the same incident, although portions of the claims files may remain exempt, as otherwise provided by law. Confidential and exempt claims file records may be released to other governmental agencies upon written request and demonstration of need; such records held by the receiving agency remain confidential and exempt as provided for herein.
- c. Records obtained or generated by an internal auditor pursuant to a routine audit, until the audit is completed, or if the audit is conducted as part of an investigation, until the

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investigation is closed or ceases to be active. An investigation is considered "active" while the investigation is being conducted with a reasonable, good faith belief that it could lead to the filing of administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

- d. Matters reasonably encompassed in privileged attorneyclient communications.
- e. Proprietary information licensed to the corporation under contract and the contract provides for the confidentiality of such proprietary information.
- f. All information relating to the medical condition or medical status of a corporation employee which is not relevant to the employee's capacity to perform his or her duties, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph. Information which is exempt shall include, but is not limited to, information relating to workers' compensation, insurance benefits, and retirement or disability benefits.
- g. Upon an employee's entrance into the employee assistance program, a program to assist any employee who has a behavioral or medical disorder, substance abuse problem, or emotional difficulty which affects the employee's job performance, all records relative to that participation shall be confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except as otherwise provided in s. 112.0455(11).
- h. Information relating to negotiations for financing, reinsurance, depopulation, or contractual services, until the conclusion of the negotiations.



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i. Minutes of closed meetings regarding underwriting files, and minutes of closed meetings regarding an open claims file until termination of all litigation and settlement of all claims with regard to that claim, except that information otherwise confidential or exempt by law will be redacted.

When an authorized insurer is considering underwriting a risk insured by the corporation, relevant underwriting files and confidential claims files may be released to the insurer provided the insurer agrees in writing, notarized and under oath, to maintain the confidentiality of such files. When a file is transferred to an insurer that file is no longer a public record because it is not held by an agency subject to the provisions of the public records law. Underwriting files and confidential claims files may also be released to staff of and the board of governors of the market assistance plan established pursuant to s. 627.3515, who must retain the confidentiality of such files, except such files may be released to authorized insurers that are considering assuming the risks to which the files apply, provided the insurer agrees in writing, notarized and under oath, to maintain the confidentiality of such files. Finally, the corporation or the board or staff of the market assistance plan may make the following information obtained from underwriting files and confidential claims files available to licensed general lines insurance agents: name, address, and telephone number of the residential property owner or insured; location of the risk; rating information; loss history; and policy type. The receiving licensed general lines insurance

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agent must retain the confidentiality of the information received.

- 2. Portions of meetings of the corporation are exempt from the provisions of s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution wherein confidential underwriting files or confidential open claims files are discussed. All portions of corporation meetings which are closed to the public shall be recorded by a court reporter. The court reporter shall record the times of commencement and termination of the meeting, all discussion and proceedings, the names of all persons present at any time, and the names of all persons speaking. No portion of any closed meeting shall be off the record. Subject to the provisions hereof and s.  $119.07(1)(b)-(d)\frac{(2)(a)}{(2)}$ , the court reporter's notes of any closed meeting shall be retained by the corporation for a minimum of 5 years. A copy of the transcript, less any exempt matters, of any closed meeting wherein claims are discussed shall become public as to individual claims after settlement of the claim.
- Section 51. Subsection (1) of section 633.527, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 633.527 Records concerning applicant; extent of confidentiality.--
- (1) Test material is made confidential by s.  $119.07\underline{(6)}(3)(a)$ . An applicant may waive in writing the confidentiality of his or her examination answer sheet for the purpose of discussion with the State Fire Marshal or his or her staff.

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Section 52. Paragraph (m) of subsection (2) of section 668.50, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

668.50 Uniform Electronic Transaction Act.--

- (2) DEFINITIONS. -- As used in this section:
- (m) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form, including public records as defined in s.  $119.011(11)\frac{(1)}{(1)}$ .

Section 53. Subsection (1) of section 794.024, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

794.024 Unlawful to disclose identifying information .--

(1) A public employee or officer who has access to the photograph, name, or address of a person who is alleged to be the victim of an offense described in this chapter, chapter 800, s. 827.03, s. 827.04, or s. 827.071 may not willfully and knowingly disclose it to a person who is not assisting in the investigation or prosecution of the alleged offense or to any person other than the defendant, the defendant's attorney, a person specified in an order entered by the court having jurisdiction of the alleged offense, or to organizations authorized to receive such information made exempt by s. 119.07(6)(3)(f), or to a rape crisis center or sexual assault counselor, as defined in s. 90.5035(1)(b), who will be offering services to the victim.

Section 54. For the purpose of incorporating the amendments to section 945.25, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 947.13, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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2639 947.13 Powers and duties of commission.--

(2)(a) The commission shall immediately examine records of the department under s. 945.25, and any other records which it obtains, and may make such other investigations as may be necessary.

Section 55. <u>Section 430.015</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 56. Section 440.132, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

440.132 Investigatory records relating to workers' compensation managed care arrangements; confidentiality.--

(1) All investigatory records of the Agency for Health Care Administration made or received pursuant to s. 440.134 and any examination records necessary to complete an investigation are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until the investigation is completed or ceases to be active, except that portions of medical records which specifically identify patients must remain confidential and exempt. An investigation is considered "active" while such investigation is being conducted by the agency with a reasonable, good faith belief that it may lead to the filing of administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings. An investigation does not cease to be active if the agency is proceeding with reasonable dispatch and there is good faith belief that action may be initiated by the agency or other administrative or law enforcement agency.

(2) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that these investigatory and examination records be held

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confidential and exempt during an investigation in order not to compromise the investigation and disseminate potentially inaccurate information. To the extent this information is made available to the public, those persons being investigated will have access to such information which would potentially defeat the purpose of the investigation. This would impede the effective and efficient operation of investigatory governmental functions.

Section 57. <u>Section 723.0065</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 58. <u>Section 768.301</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 59. <u>Section 815.045</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 60. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 943.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

943.031 Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control
Council.--The Legislature finds that there is a need to develop
and implement a statewide strategy to address violent criminal
activity and drug control efforts by state and local law
enforcement agencies, including investigations of illicit money
laundering. In recognition of this need, the Florida Violent
Crime and Drug Control Council is created within the department.
The council shall serve in an advisory capacity to the
department.

(7) CONFIDENTIALITY; EXEMPTED PORTIONS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS
AND RECORDS.--



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(a) $\frac{1}{1}$ . The Legislature finds that during limited portions of the meetings of the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council it is necessary that the council be presented with and discuss details, information, and documents related to active criminal investigations or matters constituting active criminal intelligence, as those concepts are defined by s. 119.011. These presentations and discussions are necessary for the council to make its funding decisions as required by the Legislature. The Legislature finds that to reveal the contents of documents containing active criminal investigative or intelligence information or to allow active criminal investigative or active criminal intelligence matters to be discussed in a meeting open to the public negatively impacts the ability of law enforcement agencies to efficiently continue their investigative or intelligence gathering activities. The Legislature finds that information coming before the council that pertains to active criminal investigations or intelligence should remain confidential and exempt from public disclosure. The Legislature finds that the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council may, by declaring only those portions of council meetings in which active criminal investigative or active criminal intelligence information is to be presented or discussed closed to the public, assure an appropriate balance between the policy of this state that meetings be public and the policy of this state to facilitate efficient law enforcement efforts.

2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that portions of the meetings of the Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council be closed when the confidential details,



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information, and documents related to active criminal investigations or matters constituting active criminal intelligence are discussed. The Legislature further finds that it is no less a public necessity that portions of public records generated at closed council meetings, such as tape recordings, minutes, and notes, memorializing the discussions regarding such confidential details, information, and documents related to active criminal investigations or matters constituting active criminal intelligence, also shall be held confidential.

Section 61. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.