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An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act regarding active criminal intelligence information and active criminal investigative information; amending s. 119.071, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for a request made by a law enforcement agency to inspect or copy a public record that is in the custody of another agency and the custodian's response to the request, and any information that would identify whether a law enforcement agency has requested or received such public record; clarifying and reorganizing the exemption; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; reenacting s. 119.07(1)(e), F.S., relating to inspection of a public record in a civil action in which an exemption from public records requirements is asserted under or by virtue of s. 119.071(2)(c), to incorporate the amendment to s. 119.071, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records.--

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(c)1. Active criminal intelligence information and active criminal investigative information are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

- 2.a. A request made by 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 whether a law enforcement agency has requested or received that the public record that was requested by the law enforcement agency or provided by the custodian are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, during the period in which the information constitutes active criminal intelligence information or active criminal investigative 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.
- <u>b.</u> The law enforcement agency that made the request to inspect or copy a public record shall give notice to the custodial agency when the criminal intelligence information or criminal investigative information is no longer active, so that the request made by the law enforcement agency, the custodian's response to the request, and information that would identify whether the law enforcement agency had requested or received that the public record requested are available to the public.
- c. This exemption is remedial in nature, and it is the intent of the Legislature that the exemption be applied to requests to inspect or copy public records received by the

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custodial agency before, on, or after the effective date of this subparagraph. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed October 2, 2007, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to section 119.071, Florida Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 119.07, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

119.07 Inspection and copying of records; photographing public records; fees; exemptions.--

(1)

(e) 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 s. 119.071(1)(d) or (f), (2)(d),(e), or (f), or (4)(c), 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 s. 119.071(2)(c), an inspection in camera is 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.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007.