

**FOR CONSIDERATION** By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to a review under the Open Government  
3 Sunset Review Act; amending s. 63.0541, F.S., relating to  
4 a public-records exemption for information contained in  
5 the Florida Putative Father Registry; saving the exemption  
6 from repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act;  
7 repealing s. 2, ch. 2003-56, Laws of Florida, relating to  
8 provisions providing for the repeal of the exemption;  
9 providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 63.0541, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
14 read:

15 63.0541 Public records exemption for the Florida Putative  
16 Father Registry.--

17 (1) All information contained in the Florida Putative  
18 Father Registry and maintained by the Office of Vital Statistics  
19 within the Department of Health is confidential and exempt from  
20 ~~public disclosure pursuant to~~ s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I  
21 of the State Constitution, except as otherwise provided in this  
22 section. Information made confidential and exempt by this section  
23 shall be disclosed to:

24 (a) An adoption entity, upon the filing of a request for a  
25 diligent search of the Florida Putative Father Registry in  
26 connection with the planned adoption of a child.

27 (b) The registrant unmarried biological father, upon  
28 receipt of notarized request for a copy of his registry entry  
29 only.

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30 (c) The court, upon issuance of a court order concerning a  
31 petitioner acting pro se in an action under this chapter.

32 (2) Except as provided ~~set forth~~ in subsection (1), the  
33 database comprising the Florida Putative Father Registry shall  
34 remain confidential and exempt and separate from all other  
35 databases in this state, including any local or federal database.  
36 Such database may not be accessed by any other state or federal  
37 agency or entity.

38 Section 2. Section 2 of chapter 2003-56, Laws of Florida,  
39 is repealed.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2008.