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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of certain insured dependents; providing a statement of retroactive application of the exemption; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of public necessity; 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 (b) of subsection (4) of section 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 17 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records.--

(b) 1. Medical information pertaining to a prospective,

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(4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION. --

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current, or former officer or employee of an agency which, if disclosed, would identify that officer or employee is exempt from s. 119.07(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

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representative provides written permission or pursuant to court

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order.

2.a. Personal identifying information of a minor dependent of a current or former officer or employee of an agency, which

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dependent is insured by an agency group insurance plan, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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- b. This exemption is remedial in nature and applies to such personal identifying information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.
- c. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government
 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
 repealed on October 2, 2014, unless reviewed and saved from
 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that personal identifying information of a minor dependent of a current or former officer or employee of an agency, which dependent is insured by an agency group insurance plan, be made exempt from public records requirements. Personal identifying information of an agency employee is and should remain available to the public because such employee works for the public; however, personal identifying information of the insured minor dependent of such employee held by an agency is sensitive, personal information that could be obtained by a requestor and used to identify a minor for sexual or other criminal offenses. Exempting personal identifying information of such insured minor helps to protect the minor while still providing public oversight of group insurance plans by permitting the release of information that does not specifically identify such minor.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.