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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; defining the term "publicly owned performing arts center"; creating an exemption from public-records requirements for information that identifies a donor or prospective donor of a donation made for the benefit of a publicly owned performing arts center if the donor desires to remain anonymous; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 272.136, F.S.; creating an exemption from public-records requirements for information identifying a donor or prospective donor to the direct-support organization of the Legislative Research Center and Museum at the Historic Capitol; 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. <u>Confidentiality of certain donor information</u> related to a publicly owned performing arts center.—

(1) As used in this section, the term "publicly owned performing arts center" means a facility consisting of at least 200 seats, owned and operated by a county or municipality, which is used and occupied to promote development of any or all of the performing, visual, or fine arts or any or all matters relating thereto and to encourage and cultivate public and professional

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knowledge and appreciation of the arts.

- (2) If a donor or prospective donor of a donation made for the benefit of a publicly owned performing arts center desires to remain anonymous, information that would identify the name, address, or telephone number of that donor or prospective donor is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution.
- (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, Florida Statutes, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2015, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. Subsection (7) is added to section 272.136, Florida Statutes, to read:

272.136 Direct-support organization.—The Legislative Research Center and Museum at the Historic Capitol and the Capitol Curator may establish a direct-support organization to provide assistance and promotional support through fundraising for the Florida Historic Capitol and the Legislative Research Center and Museum, including, but not limited to, their educational programs and initiatives.

- (7) (a) The identity of a donor or prospective donor to the direct-support organization who desires to remain anonymous and all information identifying such donor or prospective donor is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Such anonymity shall be maintained in any auditor's report created pursuant to the annual financial audits required under subsection (5).
- (b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government
  Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand

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repealed on October 2, 2015, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 3. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that information that would identify the name, address, or telephone number of a donor or prospective donor of a donation made for the benefit of a publicly owned performing arts center be made confidential and exempt from public-records requirements if such donor or prospective donor desires to remain anonymous. The Legislature further finds that it is a public necessity that information identifying a donor or prospective donor to the direct-support organization for the Florida Historic Capitol and the Legislative Research Center and Museum be made confidential and exempt from public-records requirements if such donor or prospective donor desires to remain anonymous. In order to encourage private support for publicly owned performing arts centers and the direct-support organization, it is a public necessity to promote the giving of gifts to, and the raising of private funds for, the acquisition, renovation, rehabilitation, and operation of publicly owned performing arts centers and the programming and preservation of the Florida Historic Capitol and the Legislative Research Center and Museum. An essential element of an effective plan for promoting the giving of private gifts and the raising of private funds is the need to protect the identity of prospective and actual donors who desire to remain anonymous. If the identity of prospective and actual donors who desire to remain anonymous is subject to disclosure, there is a chilling effect on donations because donors are concerned about disclosure of personal information leading to theft and, in particular, identity theft, 88

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including personal safety and security. Therefore, the
Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to make
confidential and exempt from public-records requirements
information that would identify a donor or prospective donor of
a donation made for the benefit of a publicly owned performing
arts center or a donor or prospective donor to the directsupport organization for the Florida Historic Capitol and the
Legislative Research Center and Museum if such donor or
prospective donor wishes to remain anonymous.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.