

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
 3 943.0583, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
 4 records requirements for criminal history records of
 5 victims of human trafficking expunged under s.
 6 943.0583, F.S.; providing for future legislative
 7 review and repeal of the exemption under the Open
 8 Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of
 9 public necessity; providing a contingent effective
 10 date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 943.0583, Florida
 15 Statutes, is created to read:

16 943.0583 Human trafficking victim expunction.—

17 (9) (a) A criminal history record ordered expunged under
 18 this section that is retained by the department is confidential
 19 and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
 20 Constitution and shall not be disclosed to any person or entity
 21 except upon order of a court of competent jurisdiction. A
 22 criminal justice agency may retain a notation indicating
 23 compliance with an order to expunge.

24 (b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government
 25 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
 26 repealed on October 2, 2018, unless reviewed and saved from
 27 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

28 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public

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29 necessity that persons who are victims of human trafficking and
30 who have been convicted of crimes committed at the behest of
31 their traffickers are themselves victims of crimes. Such victims
32 face barriers to employment and other life opportunities as long
33 as these criminal convictions remain on record and accessible to
34 potential employers and others. It is necessary that these
35 records be made confidential in order for human trafficking
36 victims to have the chance to rebuild their lives and reenter
37 society.

38 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date
39 that HB 1325 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
40 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
41 extension thereof and becomes law.