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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Higher Education &  
2 Workforce Subcommittee  
3 Representative Cummings offered the following:  
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**Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. (1) Personal identifying information of a  
8 person employed by, under contract with, or volunteering for a  
9 public research facility, including a state university, that  
10 conducts animal research or is engaged in activities related to  
11 animal research, is exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes,  
12 and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution, when such  
13 information is contained in the following records:

14 (a) Animal records, including animal care and treatment  
15 records.

16 (b) Research protocols and approvals.

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17 (c) Purchase, funding, and billing records related to  
18 animal research or activities.

19 (d) Animal care and use committee records.

20 (e) Facility and laboratory records related to animal  
21 research or activities.

22 (2) This exemption applies to such personal identifying  
23 information held by a public research facility, including a  
24 state university, before, on, or after the effective date of  
25 this exemption.

26 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset  
27 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, Florida Statutes, and  
28 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and  
29 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

30 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
31 necessity that personal identifying information of a person who  
32 is employed by, under contract with, or volunteering for a  
33 public research facility, including a state university, that  
34 conducts animal research or is engaged in activities related to  
35 animal research, be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida  
36 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The  
37 Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that this  
38 exemption apply to such personal identifying information held by  
39 a public research facility, including a state university,  
40 before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption. The  
41 Legislature finds that the release of such personal identifying  
42 information will place such persons in danger of threats and

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43 harassment as well as physical and emotional harm from those who  
44 advocate against such research. University employees have been  
45 harassed and threatened after animal care records that included  
46 their personal identifying information were disclosed pursuant  
47 to public records requests. Thus, the Legislature finds that the  
48 harm and threat to such persons' safety that results from the  
49 release of personal identifying information in records about the  
50 animals or about the animal research outweighs any public  
51 benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the  
52 information. The public research facilities, including state  
53 universities, remain responsible and accountable for the animal  
54 research conducted at their institutions.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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58 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

59 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

60 A bill to be entitled

61 An act relating to public records; providing an  
62 exemption from public records requirements for  
63 personal identifying information of certain animal  
64 researchers at public research facilities, including  
65 state universities; providing for retroactive  
66 applicability of the exemption; providing for future  
67 legislative review and repeal of the exemption;  
68 providing a statement of public necessity; providing

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an effective date.