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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 119.071, F.S., providing a public records exemption
4 for information furnished to a state, county, or
5 municipal government agency for use in an emergency
6 information gathering system; providing for
7 retroactive application; providing for future
8 legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
9 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
10 an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (k) is added to subsection (5) of
15 section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

18 (5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

19 (k)1. Information furnished by a person to a state, county,
20 or municipal government agency for the purpose of registering
21 emergency residential or business information for the agency's
22 emergency information gathering system, including, but not
23 limited to, the person's name, address, telephone number, e-mail
24 address, health and other personal information, or other
25 electronic communication address, is exempt from s. 119.07(1)
26 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption
27 applies to information held by an agency before, on, or after
28 the effective date of this exemption.

29 2. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset

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30 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
31 on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
32 through reenactment by the Legislature.

33 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
34 necessity that information furnished to a state, county, or
35 municipal government agency for use in emergency information
36 gathering systems be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes,
37 and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Emergency
38 information gathering systems act to provide information to
39 first responders in the event of an emergency. The Legislature
40 finds that public access to such information could lead to
41 misuse, fraud, or harm. The Legislature recognizes that
42 protection is needed for individuals who provide personal and
43 medical history information to first responders.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.