

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 future
 7 legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
 8 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
 9 an effective date.

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

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

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

(5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

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

27 or after the effective date of this exemption.

28 2. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset
29 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
30 on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
31 through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

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