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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; creating s.
3 1006.1475, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
4 records requirements for all information reported by a
5 student or parent, including any personal identifying
6 information of the student or parent, to an agency
7 through a school tip line that is saved on an audio
8 recording or transcript; providing an exception to the
9 exemption for law enforcement agents; providing for
10 future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
11 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
12 an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Section 1006.1475, Florida Statutes, is created
17 to read:

18 1006.1475 School tip lines; public records exemption.-

19 (1) All information reported by a student or parent,
20 including any personal identifying information of the student or
21 parent, to an agency, as defined in s. 119.011, through a school
22 tip line that is saved on an audio recording or transcript is
23 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I
24 of the State Constitution. Such confidential and exempt
25 information may not be disclosed to anyone other than a law
26 enforcement agent in the discharge of his or her official
27 duties.

28 (2) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
29 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
30 on October 2, 2021, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
31 through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

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33 necessity that all information reported by a student or parent,
34 including any personal identifying information of the student or
35 parent, to an agency, as defined in s. 119.011, Florida
36 Statutes, through a school tip line that is saved on an audio
37 recording or transcript be made exempt from s. 119.07(1),
38 Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State
39 Constitution. School tip lines provide valuable information that
40 can prevent attacks and bullying, solve crimes, and provide
41 essential information to law enforcement personnel and school
42 administrators. School tip lines are effective only if an
43 individual believes that he or she can submit information in a
44 safe and confidential manner. The Legislature finds that the
45 release of an audio recording, a transcript, or an individual's
46 personal identifying information may place the individual in
47 danger of physical or emotional harm from others. The
48 Legislature further finds that the harm that may result from the
49 release of such information outweighs any public benefit that
50 may be derived from the disclosure of the information.

51 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.