

**By** the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;  
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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 an exemption from public  
4       records requirements for personal identifying  
5       information of the alleged victim in an allegation of  
6       sexual harassment; authorizing the disclosure of such  
7       information under certain circumstances; providing for  
8       future 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 (m) is added to subsection (2) of  
15       section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

18       (2) AGENCY INVESTIGATIONS.—

19       (m) Personal identifying information of the alleged victim  
20 in an allegation of sexual harassment is confidential and exempt  
21 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
22 Constitution. Such information may be disclosed to another  
23 governmental entity in the furtherance of its official duties  
24 and responsibilities. This paragraph is subject to the Open  
25 Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and  
26 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2022, unless reviewed and  
27 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

28       Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
29 necessity that personal identifying information of the alleged

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30 victim in an allegation of sexual harassment be made  
31 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and  
32 s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The disclosure of  
33 such information could harm alleged victims by placing them at  
34 risk of further harassment and retaliation. Additionally, the  
35 potential for disclosure of such information could create a  
36 disincentive for victims to report instances of harassment. The  
37 Legislature finds that the potential harm that may result from  
38 the release of such information outweighs any public benefit  
39 that may be derived from the disclosure of such information.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.