

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
 3 119.071, F.S.; creating an exemption from public
 4 records requirements for specified United States
 5 Census Bureau address information held by an agency;
 6 providing an exception to the exemption; authorizing
 7 access to other related confidential or exempt
 8 information; providing for future legislative review
 9 and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of
 10 public necessity; providing 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 (g) is added to subsection (1) of
 15 section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

18 (1) AGENCY ADMINISTRATION.—

19 (g)1. United States Census Bureau address information,
 20 including maps showing structure location points, agency records
 21 that verify addresses, and agency records that identify address
 22 errors or omissions, which is held by an agency pursuant to the
 23 Local Update of Census Addresses Program authorized under 13
 24 U.S.C. s. 16, is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
 25 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

26 2. Such information may be released to another agency or
 27 governmental entity in the furtherance of its duties and
 28 responsibilities under the Local Update of Census Addresses
 29 Program.

30 3. An agency performing duties and responsibilities under
 31 the Local Update of Census Addresses Program shall have access
 32 to any other confidential or exempt information held by another
 33 agency if such access is necessary in order to perform its
 34 duties and responsibilities under the program.

35 4. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset
 36 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
 37 October 2, 2023, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
 38 reenactment by the Legislature.

39 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
 40 necessity that United States Census Bureau address information,
 41 including maps showing structure location points, agency records
 42 that verify addresses, and agency records that identify address
 43 errors or omissions, which is held by an agency be made
 44 confidential and exempt from public records requirements.
 45 Pursuant to the Local Update of Census Addresses Program
 46 authorized under 13 U.S.C. s. 16, United States Census Bureau
 47 address information must be kept confidential. Further, all
 48 individuals directly involved in reviewing such information and
 49 any individuals with access to such information are required to
 50 sign a confidentiality agreement to preserve the confidentiality

51 of the address information. Without this exemption, agencies
52 would be prevented from participating in the program. As such,
53 the effective and efficient administration of the Local Update
54 of Census Addresses Program would be hindered at the federal
55 level. Further, it could result in a negative fiscal impact on
56 the state. For the foregoing reasons, the Legislature finds that
57 such information must be made confidential and exempt from
58 public records requirements.

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