

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07,
 3 F.S.; requiring a custodian of public records and his
 4 or her designee to respond to a request to inspect or
 5 copy records in a specified manner; providing an
 6 effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 11 119.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 119.07 Inspection and copying of records; photographing
 13 public records; fees; exemptions.—

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15 (c) A custodian of public records and his or her designee
 16 must acknowledge requests to inspect or copy records promptly
 17 and respond to such requests in good faith. A good faith
 18 response includes making reasonable efforts to determine from
 19 other officers or employees within the agency whether such a
 20 record exists and, if so, the location at which the record can
 21 be accessed. A good faith response also includes an estimate of
 22 the time necessary to complete the request, and, should
 23 completion of the request not occur by the conclusion of the
 24 estimated time, the person seeking to inspect or copy the record
 25 must be notified of the reasons for the delay and provided a new

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26 | estimate of the time necessary to complete the request.

27 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.