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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/30/2021

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Bradley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 119.0712, Florida Statutes, to read:

119.0712 Executive branch agency-specific exemptions from inspection or copying of public records.-

9 (4) DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS.-Information received or 10 maintained by the Department of Military Affairs which is stored

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11	in a United States Department of Defense system of records, is
12	transmitted using a United States Department of Defense network
13	or communications device, or pertains to the United States
14	Department of Defense, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. s. 394, is exempt
15	from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
16	Constitution. This exemption applies to information made exempt
17	by this subsection which is held by the department before, on,
18	or after the effective date of the exemption. This subsection is
19	subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance
20	with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2026,
21	unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
22	Legislature.
23	Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
24	necessity that certain information received or maintained by the
25	Department of Military Affairs which is stored in a United
26	States Department of Defense system of records, is transmitted
27	using a United States Department of Defense network or
28	communications device, or pertains to the United States
29	Department of Defense, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. s. 394, be made
30	exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),
31	Article I of the State Constitution. The disclosure of such
32	information could adversely affect national security and the
33	safety of servicemembers and their families. A servicemember's
34	information should only be disclosed by consent, as provided in
35	the Privacy Act of 1974. It is necessary that such sensitive
36	information in the custody of the Department of Military Affairs
37	be protected from disclosure to the same degree required under
38	federal law. Therefore, the Legislature finds that it is a
39	public necessity that such information be made exempt from

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40	public records requirements.
41	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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44	And the title is amended as follows:
45	Delete everything before the enacting clause
46	and insert:
47	A bill to be entitled
48	An act relating to public records; amending s.
49	119.0712, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
50	records requirements for certain information received
51	or maintained by the Department of Military Affairs
52	which is stored in a United States Department of
53	Defense system of records, is transmitted using a
54	United States Department of Defense network or
55	communications device, or pertains to the United
56	States Department of Defense; providing for
57	retroactive application; providing for future
58	legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
59	providing a statement of public necessity; providing
60	an effective date.