

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
 3 119.0714, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
 4 records requirements for personal identifying
 5 information and annuity contract numbers of a payee of
 6 a structured settlement and the names of family
 7 members, dependents, and beneficiaries of such payee;
 8 providing for future legislative review and repeal of
 9 the exemption; providing a statement of public
 10 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 (1) is added to subsection (1) of
 15 section 119.0714, Florida Statutes, to read:

16 119.0714 Court files; court records; official records.—

17 (1) COURT FILES.—Nothing in this chapter shall be
 18 construed to exempt from s. 119.07(1) a public record that was
 19 made a part of a court file and that is not specifically closed
 20 by order of court, except:

21 (1) Personal identifying information and annuity contract
 22 numbers of a payee of a structured settlement as defined in s.
 23 626.99296(2) and the names of family members, dependents, and
 24 beneficiaries of such payee are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
 25 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This paragraph is

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26 | subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance
27 | with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2027,
28 | unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
29 | Legislature.

30 | Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
31 | necessity that the personal identifying information and annuity
32 | contract numbers of a payee of a structured settlement and the
33 | names of family members, dependents, and beneficiaries of such
34 | payee be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s.
35 | 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Recipients of
36 | structured settlements have been targets of criminal and
37 | fraudulent acts based upon publicly available identifying
38 | information. The Legislature finds that the harm that may result
39 | from the release of personal identifying information and annuity
40 | contract numbers of a payee of a structured settlement and the
41 | names of family members, dependents, and beneficiaries of such
42 | payee outweighs any public benefit that may be derived from the
43 | disclosure of such information.

44 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.