

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public records; amending s. 295.22,  
 3           F.S.; providing an exemption from public records  
 4           requirements for certain materials received,  
 5           generated, ascertained, or discovered by Florida Is  
 6           For Veterans, Inc., for purposes of administering the  
 7           Veterans Employment and Training Services Program;  
 8           providing an exception; providing for future  
 9           legislative review and repeal of the exemption;  
 10          providing a statement of public necessity; providing  
 11          an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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15           Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 295.22,  
 16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17           295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

18           (5) PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION.—Materials that relate to  
 19 methods of manufacture or production, potential trade secrets,  
 20 potentially patentable material, actual trade secrets, workforce  
 21 training plans, business transactions, business plans, military  
 22 records, skills assessments and career goals, resumes and  
 23 contact information, certificates, financial and proprietary  
 24 information, and agreements or proposals to receive funding  
 25 which are received, generated, ascertained, or discovered by

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26 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., including partnership and  
27 training participants such as private enterprises, educational  
28 institutions, and other organizations, for the purposes of  
29 administering subsection (3) are confidential and exempt from s.  
30 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.  
31 Aggregated data with no personal identifying information for  
32 reporting purposes are not exempt. This subsection is subject to  
33 the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s.  
34 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless  
35 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
36 Legislature.

37 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
38 necessity that information pertaining to an individual or  
39 organization that seeks assistance, services, or training under  
40 s. 295.22(3), Florida Statutes, be made confidential and exempt  
41 from public records requirements under s. 119.07(1), Florida  
42 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The  
43 Legislature created the Veterans Employment and Training  
44 Services Program and funds the program under s. 295.22(3),  
45 Florida Statutes, administered by Florida Is For Veterans, Inc.,  
46 in order to provide assistance, services, and training to  
47 separating servicemembers, veterans, and others through  
48 organizations including, but not limited to, employers,  
49 nonprofit organizations, and universities in the areas of career  
50 placement and training and entrepreneurship training to support

51 workforce and economic development within the state. Keeping  
52 information including, but not limited to, resumes of job  
53 seekers, entrepreneurship business plans, and employer workforce  
54 training plans and curricula publicly available exposes those  
55 individuals and organizations to risk of loss of personal  
56 privacy and theft of confidential business information. Executed  
57 contracts, and their costs, or memoranda of understanding or  
58 agreement, between Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., and other  
59 organizations, and information voluntarily exposed in public, or  
60 waived, by the owner are not exempt under s. 295.22(5), Florida  
61 Statutes, as created by this act. Without the public records  
62 exemption, the state will be unable to effectively and  
63 efficiently implement and administer the program.

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