

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Hawkins offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (12) is added to section 943.0583, Florida Statutes, to read:

943.0583 Human trafficking victim expunction.—

(12) (a) A petition filed under this section and all pleadings and documents related to the petition are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

(b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and is repealed

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14 on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
15 through reenactment by the Legislature.

16 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
17 necessity that a petition filed under s. 943.0583, Florida
18 Statutes, and all pleadings and documents related to the
19 petition be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1),
20 Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State
21 Constitution. Persons who are victims of human trafficking and
22 who have been arrested, charged, or convicted of offenses
23 committed, or reported to have been committed, as a result of
24 being trafficked are themselves victims of crimes. These victims
25 face barriers to employment and loss of other life
26 opportunities, and the fact that the victims are seeking
27 expungement, as well as the information contained in related
28 pleadings and documents, would expose these victims to possible
29 discrimination due to details of their past lives becoming
30 public knowledge. Therefore, it is necessary that these
31 petitions, pleadings, and related documents be made confidential
32 in order for human trafficking victims to have the chance to
33 rebuild their lives and reenter society.

34 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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37 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

38 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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39 A bill to be entitled
40 An act relating to public records; amending s.
41 943.0583, F.S.; providing that a petition for human
42 trafficking victim expunction and all pleadings and
43 documents related to the petition are confidential and
44 exempt from public records requirements; providing for
45 future legislative review and repeal under the Open
46 Government Sunset Review Act; providing a statement of
47 public necessity; providing an effective date.

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