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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 specified materials and information  
5       received, generated, ascertained, or discovered by  
6       Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., while administering the  
7       Florida Employment and Training Services Program;  
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. Subsection (5) is added to section 295.22,  
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16       295.22 Veterans Employment and Training Services Program.—

17       (5) PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION.—Materials that relate to  
18 methods of manufacture or production, potential trade secrets,  
19 potentially patentable material, actual trade secrets, workforce  
20 training plans, business transactions, business plans, military  
21 records, skills assessments and career goals, resumes and  
22 contact information, certificates, financial and proprietary  
23 information, and agreements or proposals to receive funding  
24 which are received, generated, ascertained, or discovered by  
25 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., including partnership and  
26 training participants, such as private enterprises, educational  
27 institutions, and other organizations, for the purposes of  
28 administration of the Veterans Employment and Training Services  
29 Program as provided in subsection (3) are confidential and

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30 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
31 Constitution. The exemption does not apply to aggregated data  
32 that does not contain personal identifying information which is  
33 collected for reporting purposes. This subsection is subject to  
34 the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s.  
35 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless  
36 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
37 Legislature.

38 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
39 necessity that materials that relate to methods of manufacture  
40 or production, potential trade secrets, potentially patentable  
41 material, actual trade secrets, workforce training plans,  
42 military records, skills assessments and career goals, resumes  
43 and contact information, certificates, financial and proprietary  
44 information, and agreements or proposals to receive funding  
45 which are received, generated, ascertained, or discovered by  
46 Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., be made confidential and exempt  
47 from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of  
48 the State Constitution. To be effective, manufacturing programs  
49 must use materials that relate to methods of manufacture or  
50 production, potential trade secrets, potentially patentable  
51 material, actual trade secrets, workforce training plans,  
52 business transactions, business plans, financial and proprietary  
53 information, and agreements and proposals to receive funding. If  
54 competitors were privy to such information, they could take  
55 advantage of that information to the financial detriment of the  
56 company submitting the information or proposal, which would  
57 chill participation in the Veterans Employment and Training  
58 Services Program operated by Florida Is For Veterans, Inc. The

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59 Legislature further finds that it is necessary the skills  
60 assessments and career goals received, generated, ascertained,  
61 or discovered by Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., be made  
62 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and  
63 s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Public disclosure  
64 of such information could lead to discrimination or ridicule of  
65 an applicant to the program. Resumes and contact information  
66 received, generated, ascertained, or discovered by Florida Is  
67 For Veterans, Inc., must be made confidential and exempt from s.  
68 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Such information may  
69 contain personal identifying information that could put veterans  
70 at risk of identity theft. Public knowledge of such information  
71 may create a heightened risk of fraud and identity theft for  
72 applicants. The exemption is narrowly written so that certain  
73 aggregate information may still be disclosed.

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