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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to federal law enforcement agency 3 records; amending s. 119.01, F.S.; revising the 4 general state policy on public records to include 5 certain federal law enforcement agency records; 6 amending s. 119.011, F.S.; revising definitions; 7 creating s. 119.013, F.S.; requiring certain federal 8 law enforcement agencies to comply with the public 9 records requirements of this state; providing an effective date. 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12 13 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 119.01, Florida 14 15 Statutes, is amended to read: 16 119.01 General state policy on public records.-17 It is the policy of this state that all state, county, and municipal records,  $\underline{}$  and the  $\underline{}$  records of federal law 18 19 enforcement agencies that are not subject to the Freedom of 20 Information Act and which have physical offices located in this 21 state, are open for personal inspection and copying by any 22 person. Providing access to public records is a duty of each 23 agency. 24 Section 2. Subsections (2) and (5) of section 119.011, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 25

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119.011 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

- (2) "Agency" means any state, county, district, authority, or municipal officer, department, division, board, bureau, commission, or other separate unit of government created or established by law including, for the purposes of this chapter, the Commission on Ethics, the Public Service Commission, and the Office of Public Counsel; and any other public or private agency, person, partnership, corporation, or business entity acting on behalf of any public agency; and any federal law enforcement agency that is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act and which has a physical office located in this state.
- (5) "Custodian of public records" means the elected or appointed state, county, or municipal, or federal officer charged with the responsibility of maintaining the office having public records, or his or her designee.
- Section 3. Section 119.013, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 119.013 Federal law enforcement agency records.—A federal law enforcement agency that is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act and which has a physical office located in this state shall comply with the public records requirements of this state.
  - Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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