

By Senator Harrell

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
4 records requirements for personal identifying and
5 location information of persons reporting a potential
6 violation of a county or municipal code or ordinance;
7 providing for retroactive application; providing for
8 future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
9 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
10 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 (k) is added to subsection (5) of
15 section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:

16 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of
17 public records.—

18 (5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

19 (k) The home address, telephone number, name, and date of
20 birth of a person who reports a potential violation of a county
21 or municipal code or ordinance pursuant to s. 125.69 or s.
22 162.06 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the
23 State Constitution for a period of 1 year from the filing of the
24 potential violation with the appropriate agency.

25 1. This exemption applies to personal identifying and
26 location information held by an agency before, on, or after the
27 effective date of this exemption.

28 2. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset
29 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed

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

32 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
33 necessity that personal identifying and location information of
34 persons reporting a potential violation of a county or municipal
35 code or ordinance which is held by an agency be made exempt from
36 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
37 State Constitution. The Legislature finds that allowing
38 continued public access to the personal identifying and location
39 information of persons reporting potential violations of county
40 or municipal codes or ordinances jeopardizes the safety of such
41 persons. The Legislature finds that protecting the safety and
42 security of such persons outweighs any public benefit that may
43 be derived from the public disclosure of the personal
44 identifying and location information.

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