

By Senator Yarborough

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 119.071, F.S.; defining the term "medical examiner";
4 providing an exemption from public records
5 requirements for the personal identifying and location
6 information of current or former medical examiners and
7 the spouses and children of such medical examiners;
8 providing for future legislative review and repeal of
9 the exemption; providing for retroactive application;
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. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
16 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

19 (4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

20 (d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

21 a. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which an
22 individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing
23 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot
24 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood
25 name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive
26 property information that may reveal the home address.

27 b. "Judicial assistant" means a court employee assigned to
28 the following class codes: 8140, 8150, 8310, and 8320.

29 c. "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers,

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30 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone
31 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal
32 communications devices.

33 2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
34 and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement
35 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by
36 a law enforcement agency, including correctional and
37 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of
38 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of
39 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal
40 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties
41 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and
42 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments
43 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and
44 enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home
45 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and
46 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
47 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
48 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
49 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
50 Constitution.

51 b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
52 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative
53 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties
54 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation
55 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal
56 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the
57 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
58 places of employment of the spouses and children of such

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59 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
60 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
61 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
62 Constitution.

63 c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
64 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative
65 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of
66 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation
67 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state
68 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,
69 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
70 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
71 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
72 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
73 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

74 d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
75 and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in
76 compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone
77 numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment
78 of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names
79 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
80 children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
81 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

82 e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
83 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,
84 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and
85 county court judges, and of current judicial assistants; the
86 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
87 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or

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88 former justices and judges and of current judicial assistants;
89 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities
90 attended by the children of current or former justices and
91 judges and of current judicial assistants are exempt from s.
92 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This
93 sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review
94 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on
95 October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
96 reenactment by the Legislature.

97 f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
98 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant
99 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide
100 prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
101 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
102 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys,
103 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant
104 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools
105 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or
106 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide
107 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from
108 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

109 g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
110 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
111 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division
112 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement
113 hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
114 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and
115 children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
116 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division

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117 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement
118 hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day
119 care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates,
120 special magistrates, judges of compensation claims,
121 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative
122 Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are
123 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
124 Constitution.

125 h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
126 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor
127 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,
128 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency
129 or water management district whose duties include hiring and
130 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or
131 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,
132 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
133 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
134 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
135 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
136 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

137 i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
138 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;
139 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
140 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such
141 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
142 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
143 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
144 Constitution.

145 j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of

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146 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former
147 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.820; the names, home
148 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of
149 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the
150 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
151 by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
152 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

153 k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
154 and photographs of current or former juvenile probation
155 officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention
156 superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile
157 justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention
158 officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers,
159 juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II,
160 juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor
161 supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior
162 human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation
163 therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of
164 Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
165 dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children
166 of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and
167 day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel
168 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
169 Constitution.

170 l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
171 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant
172 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,
173 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the
174 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and

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175 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or
176 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal
177 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal
178 conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations
179 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
180 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders,
181 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant
182 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s.
183 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

184 m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
185 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors
186 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the
187 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
188 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current
189 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and
190 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
191 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors
192 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
193 Constitution.

194 n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of
195 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,
196 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
197 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names
198 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
199 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
200 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

201 o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
202 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department
203 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination

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204 or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability
205 benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed
206 against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health
207 care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the
208 Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone
209 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses
210 and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of
211 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such
212 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of
213 the State Constitution.

214 p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
215 and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner
216 consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former
217 employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties
218 result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to
219 practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses,
220 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
221 the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees;
222 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities
223 attended by the children of such consultants or employees are
224 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
225 Constitution.

226 q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
227 and photographs of current or former emergency medical
228 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the
229 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
230 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
231 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and
232 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the

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233 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are
234 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
235 Constitution.

236 r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
237 and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an
238 agency's office of inspector general or internal audit
239 department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste,
240 fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that
241 could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;
242 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
243 and places of employment of spouses and children of such
244 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
245 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
246 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
247 Constitution.

248 s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
249 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,
250 supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction
251 treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers,
252 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
253 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
254 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
255 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
256 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this
257 sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means
258 a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed
259 pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention,
260 intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed
261 service component described in s. 397.311(26).

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262 t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
263 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,
264 supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center
265 that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the
266 screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a
267 Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties
268 include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual
269 abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation
270 or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case
271 review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
272 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
273 spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the
274 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
275 by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s.
276 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

277 u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of
278 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former
279 staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s.
280 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the
281 Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names,
282 home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates
283 of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such
284 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
285 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
286 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
287 Constitution.

288 v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
289 and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators
290 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the

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291 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
292 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or
293 former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations
294 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
295 current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s.
296 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This
297 sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review
298 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on
299 October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
300 reenactment by the Legislature.

301 w.(I) As used in this sub-subparagraph, the term "medical
302 examiner" means any district medical examiner, associate medical
303 examiner, or substitute medical examiner acting pursuant to
304 chapter 406 and any employee, deputy, or agent of a medical
305 examiner.

306 (II) The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
307 and photographs of current or former medical examiners; the
308 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
309 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current
310 or former medical examiners; and the names and locations of
311 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such
312 current or former medical examiners are exempt from s. 119.07(1)
313 and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

314 (III) This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open
315 Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and
316 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and
317 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

318 3. An agency that is the custodian of the information
319 specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the

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320 officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in
321 subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that
322 information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other
323 person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a
324 written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption
325 to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the
326 statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and
327 confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt
328 status.

329 4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.
330 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s.
331 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for
332 maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must
333 comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status
334 and the instrument number or Official Records book and page
335 number identifying the property with the exempt status from all
336 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser
337 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before
338 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax
339 collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,
340 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may
341 not remove the street address, legal description, or other
342 information identifying real property within the agency's
343 records so long as a name or personal information otherwise
344 exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is
345 not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the
346 public records of the agency.

347 b. Any information restricted from public display,
348 inspection, or copying under sub-subparagraph a. must be

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349 provided to the individual whose information was removed.

350 5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other
351 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request
352 for the release of his or her exempt information to the
353 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must
354 specify the information to be released and the party authorized
355 to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request,
356 the custodial agency must release the specified information to
357 the party authorized to receive such information.

358 6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information
359 held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the
360 exemption.

361 7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be
362 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized
363 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.
364 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as
365 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney
366 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing
367 with The Florida Bar.

368 8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the
369 Official Records is maintained only during the period when a
370 protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon
371 conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such
372 real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home
373 address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party
374 must submit a written request to release the removed information
375 to the county recorder. The written request to release the
376 removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a
377 protected party's request for release is pursuant to a

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378 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the
379 Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's
380 file number for each document containing the information to be
381 released.

382 9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a
383 certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party
384 can request the county recorder to release a protected
385 decedent's removed information unless there is a related request
386 on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the
387 decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise
388 prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to
389 release the removed information upon the death of a protected
390 party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or
391 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for
392 release is due to the death of a protected party, and must
393 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument
394 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the
395 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the
396 release of any document pursuant to such request.

397 10. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
398 paragraph, this paragraph is subject to the Open Government
399 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
400 repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from
401 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

402 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
403 necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
404 birth, and photographs of current or former medical examiners;
405 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
406 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such

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407 current or former medical examiners; and the names and locations
408 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
409 such current or former medical examiners be made exempt from s.
410 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
411 State Constitution. The Legislature finds that the release of
412 such personal identifying and location information poses
413 potential security risks for and allows unwarranted intrusion
414 into the private lives of such current or former medical
415 examiners and their family members. Public availability of such
416 personal identifying and location information may compromise the
417 ability of such current or former medical examiners to carry out
418 their public duties and disrupt the operation of the medical
419 examiners' offices. The exemption of such personal identifying
420 and location information from public records requirements is
421 necessary to protect the personal privacy and safety of these
422 public servants and their families. The Legislature finds that
423 the harm that may result from the release of such personal
424 identifying and location information outweighs any public
425 benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the
426 information.

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