



26 Legislature.

27       Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
28 necessity that personal identifying information in applications  
29 for certification as a victim of Florida reform school abuse  
30 which are submitted to the Department of State be made exempt  
31 from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of  
32 the State Constitution. The Legislature finds that the release  
33 of personal identifying information contained in a certification  
34 application could subject victims of Florida reform school abuse  
35 to further trauma. The Legislature further finds that such  
36 victims would be more likely to come forward and seek redress if  
37 personal identifying information in the applications were  
38 protected from public disclosure. The Legislature finds that the  
39 harm that may result from the release of such information  
40 outweighs the public benefit that may be derived from the  
41 disclosure of the information.

42       Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date  
43 that HB 21 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
44 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
45 extension thereof and becomes a law.