

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public records; creating s. 16.64,  
 3           F.S.; providing an exemption from public records  
 4           requirements for the personal identifying information  
 5           in an application submitted to the Department of Legal  
 6           Affairs by a person seeking compensation through the  
 7           Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim  
 8           Compensation Program; providing exceptions; providing  
 9           for future legislative review and repeal of the  
 10          exemption; providing a statement of public necessity;  
 11          providing a contingent 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. Section 16.64, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 16           read:

17           16.64 Applications for compensation through the Dozier  
 18           School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation  
 19           Program; public records exemption.—

20           (1) Any names, dates of birth, driver license numbers,  
 21           social security numbers, home addresses, mailing addresses,  
 22           telephone numbers, or electronic mail addresses in an  
 23           application submitted to the Department of Legal Affairs by a  
 24           person seeking compensation through the Dozier School for Boys  
 25           and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program is

26 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Article  
 27 I of the State Constitution, and shall not be disclosed except  
 28 as provided in subsection (2).

29 (2) The information made confidential and exempt under  
 30 subsection (1) may be released to the Department of Education  
 31 for the purpose of facilitating the award of standard high  
 32 school diplomas to persons compensated through the Dozier School  
 33 for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program in  
 34 accordance with law, or upon court order.

35 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset  
 36 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed  
 37 on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal  
 38 through reenactment by the Legislature.

39 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
 40 necessity that any names, dates of birth, driver license  
 41 numbers, social security numbers, home addresses, mailing  
 42 addresses, telephone numbers, or electronic mail addresses in an  
 43 application submitted to the Department of Legal Affairs by a  
 44 person seeking compensation through the Dozier School for Boys  
 45 and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program be made  
 46 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and  
 47 s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution, and not be  
 48 disclosed except as provided in section 1 of this act. The  
 49 Legislature finds that the release of such personal identifying  
 50 information, except as provided in section 1 of this act, could

51 subject the persons applying for compensation through the Dozier  
52 School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation  
53 Program to further trauma should their status as a victim of the  
54 Dozier School for Boys or the Okeechobee School, or the nature  
55 of the abuse each victim suffered there, be made public, and to  
56 the possibility of harassment. The Legislature further finds  
57 that a victim of the Dozier School for Boys or the Okeechobee  
58 School may be more likely to come forward and apply for  
59 compensation through the Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee  
60 School Victim Compensation Program if the personal identifying  
61 information in the application is protected from public  
62 disclosure. The Legislature finds that the harm that may result  
63 from the release of such information outweighs the public  
64 benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of such  
65 information.

66 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date  
67 that CS/HB 21 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
68 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
69 extension thereof and becomes a law.