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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
(Rouson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 16.64, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

16.64 Applications for compensation through the Dozier  
School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation  
Program; public records exemption.—Any name, date of birth,  
driver license number, social security number, home address,



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11 mailing address, telephone number, or electronic mail address in  
12 an application submitted to the Department of Legal Affairs by,  
13 or on behalf of, a person seeking compensation through the  
14 Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation  
15 Program is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
16 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, and may not be  
17 disclosed except upon court order. This paragraph is subject to  
18 the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s.  
19 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless  
20 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
21 Legislature.

22       Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
23 necessity that any name, date of birth, driver license number,  
24 social security number, home address, mailing address, telephone  
25 number, or electronic mail address in an application submitted  
26 to the Department of Legal Affairs by, or on behalf of, a person  
27 seeking compensation through the Dozier School for Boys and  
28 Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program be made  
29 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and  
30 s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution, except upon court  
31 order. The Legislature finds that the release of such personal  
32 identifying information, except upon court order, could subject  
33 the persons applying for compensation through the Dozier School  
34 for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program to  
35 further trauma should their status as a victim of the Dozier  
36 School for Boys or the Okeechobee School, or the nature of the  
37 abuse each victim suffered there, be made public, and to the  
38 possibility of harassment. The Legislature further finds that a  
39 victim of the Dozier School for Boys or the Okeechobee School



40 may be more likely to come forward and apply for compensation  
41 through the Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim  
42 Compensation Program if the personal identifying information in  
43 the application is protected from public disclosure. The  
44 Legislature finds that the harm that may result from the release  
45 of such information outweighs the public benefit that may be  
46 derived from the disclosure of such information.

47 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that  
48 SB 24 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation  
49 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension  
50 thereof and becomes a law.

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52 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

53 And the title is amended as follows:

54 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
55 and insert:

56 A bill to be entitled  
57 An act relating to public records; creating s. 16.64,  
58 F.S.; providing an exemption from public records  
59 requirements for the personal identifying information  
60 in an application submitted to the Department of Legal  
61 Affairs by, or on behalf of, a person seeking  
62 compensation through the Dozier School for Boys and  
63 Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program;  
64 providing for future legislative review and repeal of  
65 the exemption; providing a statement of public  
66 necessity; providing a contingent effective date.