

25 (II) Home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth
 26 of the spouses and dependents of current and former military
 27 personnel, and the telephone numbers associated with the
 28 personal communication devices of such spouses and dependents.

29 (III) Names and locations of schools attended by the
 30 spouses of current and former military personnel and schools or
 31 day care facilities attended by dependents of current and former
 32 military personnel.

33 b. "Military personnel" means persons employed by the
 34 United States Department of Defense who are authorized to access
 35 information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the
 36 Federal Government or who are servicemembers of a special
 37 operations force.

38 c. "Special operations force" has the same meaning as
 39 provided in s. 943.10(22).

40 2. Identification and location information held by an
 41 agency is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the
 42 State Constitution if the current or former military personnel
 43 member submits to an agency that has custody of the
 44 identification and location information:

45 a. A written request to exempt the identification and
 46 location information from public disclosure; and

47 b. A written statement that he or she has made reasonable
 48 efforts to protect the identification and location information

49 from being accessible through other means available to the
50 public.

51 3. This exemption applies to identification and location
52 information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective
53 date of this exemption.

54 4. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset
55 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
56 on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
57 through reenactment by the Legislature.

58 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
59 necessity that identification and location information of
60 current and former military personnel, and their spouses and
61 dependents, that is held by an agency be made exempt from s.
62 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
63 State Constitution. Military personnel perform among the most
64 critical, most effective, and most dangerous operations in
65 defense of our nation's freedom. Terrorist groups have
66 threatened military personnel and their families and have
67 encouraged terrorist sympathizers to harm military personnel and
68 their families within the United States. One terrorist group has
69 allegedly gathered the photographs and home addresses of
70 military personnel from public sources to create and publish a
71 list of military personnel in order to make such persons
72 vulnerable to an act of terrorism. The Legislature finds that
73 allowing continued public access to the identification and

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74 location information of current and former military personnel
75 and their families jeopardizes the safety of these personnel,
76 their spouses, and their dependents. The Legislature finds that
77 protecting the safety and security of current and former
78 military personnel, and their spouses and dependents, outweighs
79 any public benefit that may be derived from the public
80 disclosure of the identification and location information.

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