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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Rules (Calatayud) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (6) is added to section 30.15,
Florida Statutes, to read:

30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

(6) Any information held by the Department of Law
Enforcement, a law enforcement agency, a school district, or a
charter school that would identify whether an individual has
been certified to serve as a school guardian is exempt from s.



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12 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This
13 subsection is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act
14 in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October
15 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
16 reenactment by the Legislature.

17 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
18 necessity that any information held by the Department of Law
19 Enforcement, a law enforcement agency, a school district, or a
20 charter school that would identify whether an individual has
21 been certified to serve as a school guardian is exempt from s.
22 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
23 State Constitution. School security and student safety are
24 fundamental priorities in this state, as is the safety of people
25 serving or who have served as school guardians. School guardians
26 serve a critical role as safe-school officers and first
27 responders, and their presence on school grounds serves as a
28 deterrent against incidents threatening the lives of students
29 and school personnel. Disclosure of the identity of persons
30 certified as school guardians might undermine such deterrence
31 and may compromise their safety along with the safety of
32 students by allowing ill-intentioned persons to compare the
33 records of certified school guardians to information concerning
34 school employees to discern whether a person has been appointed
35 to serve as a school guardian. The public disclosure of such
36 information would also adversely affect their ability to
37 adequately respond to an active assailant incident, as an
38 assailant might be alerted in advance that a particular
39 individual is certified as a school guardian. Furthermore,
40 school guardians who have been appointed to that position might



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41 leave their appointment for a period of time while maintaining
42 their certification, and, thereafter, be reappointed at a future
43 date. The safety of such persons would be compromised if their
44 status as school guardians became public record by virtue of
45 their continued certification. Accordingly, it is necessary to
46 protect the identity of persons certified as school guardians
47 from public records requirements in order to effectively and
48 efficiently implement the purpose and intent of school guardian
49 programs.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that
51 SB 1356 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation
52 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension
53 thereof and becomes a law.

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56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete everything before the enacting clause
58 and insert:

59 A bill to be entitled
60 An act relating to public records; amending s. 30.15,
61 F.S.; providing that certain information relating to
62 school guardians held by the Department of Law
63 Enforcement, a law enforcement agency, a school
64 district, or a charter school is exempt from public
65 record requirements; providing for future legislative
66 review and repeal of the exemption; providing a
67 statement of public necessity; providing a contingent
68 effective date.