

By the Committee on Education Pre-K -12

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to public records; amending s. 30.15,  
3       F.S.; providing that certain information relating to  
4       school guardians which is held by the Department of  
5       Law Enforcement, a law enforcement agency, a school  
6       district, or a charter school pursuant to a specified  
7       provision is exempt from public records requirements;  
8       providing for future legislative review and repeal of  
9       the exemption; providing a statement of public  
10      necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

16       30.15 Powers, duties, and obligations.—

17       (6) (a) Any information held by the Department of Law  
18 Enforcement or a law enforcement agency, school district, or  
19 charter school pursuant to subparagraph (1)(k)3. which would  
20 identify an individual who has been certified to serve as a  
21 school guardian is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I  
22 of the State Constitution.

23       (b) This subsection is subject to the Open Government  
24 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand  
25 repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from  
26 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

27       Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
28 necessity that any information held by the Department of Law  
29 Enforcement or a law enforcement agency, school district, or

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30 charter school pursuant to subparagraph s. 30.15(1)(k)3. which  
31 would identify an individual who has been certified to serve as  
32 a school guardian is exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes,  
33 and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. School  
34 security and student safety are fundamental priorities in this  
35 state as is the safety of people serving or who have served as  
36 school guardians. School guardians serve a critical role as  
37 safe-school officers and first responders, and their presence on  
38 school grounds serves as a deterrent against incidents  
39 threatening the lives of students and school personnel.  
40 Disclosure of the identity of school guardians, whether a school  
41 guardian is present on a school campus, and the number of school  
42 guardians on any school campus may compromise their safety and  
43 adversely affect their ability to adequately respond to an  
44 active assailant incident. Accordingly, it is necessary to  
45 protect the identity of school guardians from public records  
46 requirements in order to effectively and efficiently implement  
47 the purpose and intent of school guardian programs.

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