

1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to public records; creating s. 23.46,  
 3 F.S.; exempting from public records requirements  
 4 certain personal identifying information provided to  
 5 the Hope Florida Office or Hope Navigators by  
 6 participants; providing exceptions; requiring persons  
 7 who receive access to such information to maintain the  
 8 confidential and exempt status of such information;  
 9 providing criminal penalties; providing for future  
 10 legislative review and repeal of the exemption;  
 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 23.46, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
 16 **read:**

17 23.46 Exempt information.—

18 (1) In order to protect the privacy and rights of  
 19 individuals participating in Hope Florida, the personal  
 20 identifying information provided to the Hope Florida Office by  
 21 an individual, as well as the personal identifying information  
 22 provided by an individual to a Hope Navigator, is confidential  
 23 and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
 24 Constitution.

25 (2) The Hope Florida Office shall allow access to

26 confidential and exempt information in the Hope Florida case  
27 management system:

28 (a) To an employee of a participating state agency for  
29 purposes of periodic reporting or disclosure of information that  
30 has been redacted to exclude personal identifying information.

31 (b) At the direction of the Governor or the Hope Florida  
32 partner network.

33 (c) An employee of the Hope Florida Office for purposes of  
34 approving or disapproving a request for additional assistance  
35 within the purview of Hope Florida.

36 (3) All information released by the office under  
37 subsection (2) remains confidential and exempt, and a person who  
38 receives access to such information must maintain the  
39 confidential and exempt status of the information received.

40 (4) A person who willfully and knowingly violates this  
41 section commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
42 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

43 (5) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset  
44 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed  
45 on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and saved from repeal  
46 through reenactment by the Legislature.

47 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect on the same date  
48 that HB 1327 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
49 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
50 extension thereof and becomes a law.