

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Civil Justice & Claims
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Johnson offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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 8 **Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (1) of**
 9 **section 119.0714, Florida Statutes, to read:**

10 119.0714 Court files; court records; official records.—

11 (1) COURT FILES.—Nothing in this chapter shall be
 12 construed to exempt from s. 119.07(1) a public record that was
 13 made a part of a court file and that is not specifically closed
 14 by order of court, except:

15 (m) Any matter in a pleading, a request for relief, or
 16 other document that has been stricken by the court in a

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17 noncriminal case pursuant to the rules of court if the court
18 finds that such matter:

19 1. Is immaterial, impertinent, or sham; and

20 2. Would defame or cause unwarranted damage to the good
21 name or reputation of an individual or jeopardize the safety of
22 an individual.

23 **Section 2.** The Legislature finds that it is a public
24 necessity that an immaterial, impertinent, or sham matter that
25 would defame or cause unwarranted damage to the good name or
26 reputation of an individual or jeopardize the safety of an
27 individual, and that has been stricken by a court in a
28 noncriminal case, be made confidential and exempt from s.
29 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
30 State Constitution. The Legislature finds that such stricken
31 matters, if they remain in the public record, cause unwarranted
32 and ongoing harm to affected persons and serve no identifiable
33 public purpose. The Legislature further finds that the harm that
34 may result from the release of such stricken matters outweighs
35 any public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of
36 the stricken matter.

37 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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39 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

40 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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41 An act relating to public records; amending s.
42 119.0714, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
43 records requirements for a matter in a pleading, a
44 request for relief, or other document which has been
45 stricken by the court in a noncriminal case if the
46 court makes specific findings; providing a statement
47 of public necessity; providing an effective date.