

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
 3 119.0714, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
 4 records requirements for a matter in a pleading,
 5 request for relief, or other document which has been
 6 stricken by the court in a noncriminal case if the
 7 court makes specific findings; providing a statement
 8 of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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

14 119.0714 Court files; court records; official records.—

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

19 (m) Any matter in a pleading, request for relief, or other
 20 document that has been stricken by the court in a noncriminal
 21 case pursuant to the rules of court if the court finds that such
 22 matter:

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

24 2. Would defame or cause unwarranted damage to the good
 25 name or reputation of an individual or jeopardize the safety of

26 an individual.

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

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