

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 any matter in a pleading, in
5 a request for relief, or in any other document which
6 has been stricken by the court in a noncriminal case
7 if the court makes specific findings; providing a
8 statement of public necessity; providing an effective
9 date.

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

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

15 119.0714 Court files; court records; official records.—

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

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

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

25 2. Would defame or cause unwarranted damage to the good

26 name or reputation of an individual or jeopardize the safety of
27 an individual.

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

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