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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
(Grall) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (2) of  
section 741.29, Florida Statutes, to read:

741.29 Domestic violence; investigation of incidents;  
notice to victims of legal rights and remedies; reporting.—

(2) The department shall consult with the Department of  
Children and Families, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the  
Florida Police Chiefs Association, the Florida Partnership to



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11 End Domestic Violence, and at least two domestic violence  
12 advocacy organizations to develop the policies, procedures, and  
13 training necessary for implementation of a statewide evidence-  
14 based lethality assessment. Such policies, procedures, and  
15 training must establish how to determine whether a victim and  
16 aggressor are intimate partners and establish a statewide  
17 process for referring a victim to a certified domestic violence  
18 center. The group must review the questions in paragraph (e) and  
19 make a recommendation as to whether all questions should be  
20 included in the statewide lethality assessment instrument and  
21 form. By January 1, 2025, the department must adopt a statewide  
22 lethality assessment instrument and form. If a question in  
23 paragraph (e) is eliminated from the assessment, the department  
24 must confirm that the remaining or altered questions constitute  
25 an evidence-based lethality assessment. By January 31, 2025, the  
26 department shall report to the President of the Senate and the  
27 Speaker of the House of Representatives the results and  
28 recommendations of the group, including any proposed statutory  
29 changes that are necessary for implementation of a statewide  
30 lethality assessment. Training on how to administer a lethality  
31 assessment and the approved lethality assessment form must be  
32 accessible to a law enforcement officer in an online format.

33 (i) A lethality assessment form that contains a victim's  
34 information and responses to the lethality assessment completed  
35 on, before, or after January 1, 2025, is confidential and exempt  
36 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
37 Constitution. A lethality form may be disclosed to a domestic  
38 violence center, as defined in s. 39.902, and the domestic  
39 violence center must treat the form and the information on such



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40 form as confidential. However, the victim's information and  
41 responses on a lethality form may not be disclosed to, or used  
42 by, a state attorney's office. This paragraph is subject to the  
43 Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15  
44 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and  
45 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

46 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
47 necessity that a lethality assessment form that contains a  
48 victim's information and responses to the lethality assessment  
49 be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida  
50 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The  
51 Legislature finds that the release of information included on a  
52 lethality assessment form could subject victims of domestic  
53 violence to an increased risk of abuse. Such information  
54 contained on a lethality assessment form is sensitive in nature.  
55 The Legislature further finds that such victims are more likely  
56 to participate in a lethality assessment if such form is  
57 protected from public disclosure. The Legislature finds that the  
58 harm that may result from the release of such information  
59 outweighs the public benefit that may be derived from the  
60 disclosure of the information.

61 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.  
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65 And the title is amended as follows:

66 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
67 and insert:

68 A bill to be entitled



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69 An act relating to public records; amending s. 741.29,  
70 F.S.; providing an exemption from public records  
71 requirements for a lethality assessment form that  
72 contains certain information and responses; providing  
73 for future legislative review and repeal of the  
74 exemption; providing for retroactive application of  
75 the exemption; providing a statement of public  
76 necessity; providing an effective date.