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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, a
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 construed
16 to exempt from s. 119.07(1) a public record that was made a part
17 of a court file and that is not specifically closed by order of
18 court, except:

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

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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, if they remain in the public record, cause unwarranted
36 and ongoing harm to affected persons and serve no identifiable
37 public purpose. The Legislature further finds that the harm that
38 may result from the release of such stricken matters outweighs
39 any public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of
40 the stricken matter.

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