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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to public records; amending s.  
3       447.205, F.S.; exempting from public records  
4       requirements written communications developed in  
5       preparation for, or preliminary to, the issuance of  
6       any order by the Public Employees Relations Commission  
7       or its designees; providing for future legislative  
8       review and repeal of the exemption; providing a  
9       statement of public necessity; amending s. 119.071,  
10      F.S.; exempting from public records requirements the  
11      personal identifying and location information of the  
12      chair, commissioners, and hearing officers of the  
13      Public Employees Relations Commission and the personal  
14      identifying and location information of spouses and  
15      children of such personnel; providing for future  
16      legislative review and repeal of the exemption;  
17      providing a statement of public necessity; providing  
18      an effective date.

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

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22       Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 447.205, Florida  
23      Statutes, is amended to read:

24       447.205 Public Employees Relations Commission.—

25       (10) The deliberations of the commission ~~in any proceeding~~  
26      ~~before it~~ are closed and exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ s.  
27      286.011. However, any hearing held or oral argument heard by the  
28      commission pursuant to this chapter or chapter 120 must ~~or this~~  
29      ~~chapter shall~~ be open to the public. All draft orders and

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30 related written communications that are developed in preparation  
31 for, or preliminary to, the issuance of any order by the  
32 commission or its designees ~~a final written order~~ are  
33 confidential and exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ s. 119.07(1) and  
34 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

35 Section 2. The amendment made by this act to s.  
36 447.205(10), Florida Statutes, is subject to the Open Government  
37 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, Florida  
38 Statutes, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030, unless  
39 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
40 Legislature, and the text of that subsection shall revert to  
41 that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any amendments  
42 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
43 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are  
44 not dependent upon the amendment to the text which expires  
45 pursuant to this section.

46 Section 3. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
47 necessity that draft orders and related written communications  
48 that are developed in preparation for, or preliminary to, the  
49 issuance of any order by the Public Employees Relations  
50 Commission or its designees be made confidential and exempt from  
51 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the  
52 State Constitution. The Public Employees Relations Commission,  
53 as a quasi-judicial agency, speaks through its written orders  
54 based on the law and facts. The commission and its hearing  
55 officers rely on the confidentiality of draft orders and written  
56 communications related to these drafts before they become final  
57 and are released to the public. The existing provision in s.  
58 447.205(10), Florida Statutes, addresses this confidentiality

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59 and recognizes its importance to the proper functioning of the  
60 commission. However, it was adopted in 1977, with the only  
61 substantive amendment being made in 1991. To avoid the existing  
62 provision from being inadvertently read so as to allow public  
63 access to draft orders or commission deliberations, including  
64 preliminary work prepared by commission hearing officers, the  
65 Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that the  
66 language of the provision providing for confidentiality and  
67 exemption of commission deliberations and draft orders be  
68 clarified to reflect updates in technology, current practices of  
69 the commission related to the use of hearing officers, and  
70 modern methods of communication. The confidentiality and  
71 exemption of commission deliberations and draft orders are  
72 essential to the operation of the commission. Likewise, the  
73 confidentiality and exemption of written communications related  
74 to draft orders are essential to the operation of the commission  
75 given updates in technology, commission practice of using  
76 hearing officers as designees to prepare draft orders and assist  
77 in preparing final orders, and modern methods of communication.  
78 The Legislature further finds that the harm that may result from  
79 the release of written communications related to draft orders,  
80 in light of current technology, practices, and methods of  
81 communication, outweighs any public benefit that may be derived  
82 from the disclosure of such written communications.

83 Section 4. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section  
84 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

85 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of  
86 public records.—

87 (4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

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88 (d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

89 a. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which an  
90 individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing  
91 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot  
92 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood  
93 name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive  
94 property information that may reveal the home address.

95 b. "Judicial assistant" means a court employee assigned to  
96 the following class codes: 8140, 8150, 8310, and 8320.

97 c. "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers,  
98 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone  
99 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal  
100 communications devices.

101 2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
102 and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement  
103 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by  
104 a law enforcement agency, including correctional and  
105 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of  
106 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of  
107 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal  
108 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties  
109 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and  
110 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments  
111 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and  
112 enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home  
113 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and  
114 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
115 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
116 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt

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117 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
118 Constitution.

119       b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
120 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
121 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties  
122 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation  
123 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal  
124 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the  
125 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
126 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
127 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
128 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
129 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
130 Constitution.

131       c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
132 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
133 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of  
134 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation  
135 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state  
136 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,  
137 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
138 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
139 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
140 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
141 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

142       d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
143 and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in  
144 compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone  
145 numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment

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146 of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names  
147 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
148 children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
149 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

150 e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
151 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,  
152 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and  
153 county court judges and current judicial assistants; the names,  
154 home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
155 employment of the spouses and children of current or former  
156 justices and judges and current judicial assistants; and the  
157 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
158 by the children of current or former justices and judges and  
159 current judicial assistants are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
160 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph  
161 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in  
162 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,  
163 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment  
164 by the Legislature.

165 f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
166 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant  
167 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide  
168 prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
169 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
170 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys,  
171 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant  
172 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools  
173 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or  
174 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide

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175 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from  
176 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

177 g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
178 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of  
179 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division  
180 of Administrative Hearings, ~~and~~ child support enforcement  
181 hearing officers, and the chair, commissioners, and hearing  
182 officers of the Public Employees Relations Commission; the  
183 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
184 places of employment of the spouses and children of general  
185 magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims,  
186 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative  
187 Hearings, ~~and~~ child support enforcement hearing officers, and  
188 the chair, commissioners, and hearing officers of the Public  
189 Employees Relations Commission; and the names and locations of  
190 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
191 general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation  
192 claims, administrative law judges of the Division of  
193 Administrative Hearings, ~~and~~ child support enforcement hearing  
194 officers, and the chair, commissioners, and hearing officers of  
195 the Public Employees Relations Commission are exempt from s.  
196 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

197 h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
198 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor  
199 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,  
200 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency  
201 or water management district whose duties include hiring and  
202 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or  
203 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,

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204 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
205 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
206 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
207 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
208 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

209 i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
210 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;  
211 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
212 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
213 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
214 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
215 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
216 Constitution.

217 j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
218 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
219 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.01; the names, home  
220 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
221 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the  
222 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
223 by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
224 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

225 k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
226 and photographs of current or former juvenile probation  
227 officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention  
228 superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile  
229 justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention  
230 officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers,  
231 juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II,  
232 juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor



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233 supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior  
234 human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation  
235 therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of  
236 Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
237 dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children  
238 of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and  
239 day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel  
240 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
241 Constitution.

242 1. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
243 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant  
244 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,  
245 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the  
246 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
247 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
248 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal  
249 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal  
250 conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations  
251 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
252 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders,  
253 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant  
254 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s.  
255 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

256 m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
257 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors  
258 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the  
259 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
260 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current  
261 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and

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262 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
263 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors  
264 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
265 Constitution.

266 n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of  
267 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,  
268 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
269 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names  
270 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
271 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
272 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

273 o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
274 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department  
275 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination  
276 or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability  
277 benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed  
278 against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health  
279 care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the  
280 Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone  
281 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses  
282 and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of  
283 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such  
284 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
285 the State Constitution.

286 p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
287 and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner  
288 consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former  
289 employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties  
290 result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to

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291 practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses,  
292 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
293 the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees;  
294 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities  
295 attended by the children of such consultants or employees are  
296 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
297 Constitution.

298       q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
299 and photographs of current or former emergency medical  
300 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the  
301 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
302 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
303 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and  
304 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
305 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are  
306 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
307 Constitution.

308       r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
309 and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an  
310 agency's office of inspector general or internal audit  
311 department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste,  
312 fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that  
313 could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;  
314 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
315 and places of employment of spouses and children of such  
316 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
317 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
318 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
319 Constitution.

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320 s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
321 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,  
322 supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction  
323 treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers,  
324 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
325 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
326 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
327 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
328 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this  
329 sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means  
330 a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed  
331 pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention,  
332 intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed  
333 service component described in s. 397.311(27).

334 t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
335 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,  
336 supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center  
337 that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the  
338 screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a  
339 Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties  
340 include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual  
341 abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation  
342 or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case  
343 review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
344 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
345 spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the  
346 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
347 by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s.  
348 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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349 u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
350 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
351 staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s.  
352 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the  
353 Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names,  
354 home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates  
355 of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such  
356 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
357 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
358 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
359 Constitution.

360 v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
361 and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators  
362 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the  
363 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
364 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
365 former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations  
366 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
367 current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s.  
368 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This  
369 sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review  
370 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on  
371 October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through  
372 reenactment by the Legislature.

373 w. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
374 and photographs of current county attorneys, assistant county  
375 attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant  
376 city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; the names, home  
377 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and

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378 places of employment of the spouses and children of current  
379 county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county  
380 attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy  
381 city attorneys; and the names and locations of schools and day  
382 care facilities attended by the children of current county  
383 attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys,  
384 city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city  
385 attorneys are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
386 the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a  
387 county attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county  
388 attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city  
389 attorney who qualifies as a candidate for election to public  
390 office. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government  
391 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand  
392 repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from  
393 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

394 x. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
395 and photographs of current or former commissioners of the  
396 Florida Gaming Control Commission; the names, home addresses,  
397 telephone numbers, dates of birth, photographs, and places of  
398 employment of the spouses and children of such current or former  
399 commissioners; and the names and locations of schools and day  
400 care facilities attended by the children of such current or  
401 former commissioners are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a),  
402 Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is  
403 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance  
404 with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029,  
405 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
406 Legislature.

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407 y. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
408 and photographs of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
409 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
410 personnel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates  
411 of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children  
412 of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy clerks of the  
413 circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court personnel; and the  
414 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
415 by the children of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
416 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
417 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
418 the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the  
419 Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15  
420 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and  
421 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

422 3. An agency that is the custodian of the information  
423 specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the  
424 officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in  
425 subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that  
426 information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other  
427 person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a  
428 written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption  
429 to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the  
430 statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and  
431 confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt  
432 status.

433 4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.  
434 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s.  
435 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for

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436 maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must  
437 comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status  
438 and the instrument number or Official Records book and page  
439 number identifying the property with the exempt status from all  
440 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser  
441 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before  
442 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax  
443 collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,  
444 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may  
445 not remove the street address, legal description, or other  
446 information identifying real property within the agency's  
447 records so long as a name or personal information otherwise  
448 exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is  
449 not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the  
450 public records of the agency.

451 b. Any information restricted from public display,  
452 inspection, or copying under sub-subparagraph a. must be  
453 provided to the individual whose information was removed.

454 5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other  
455 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request  
456 for the release of his or her exempt information to the  
457 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must  
458 specify the information to be released and the party authorized  
459 to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request,  
460 the custodial agency must release the specified information to  
461 the party authorized to receive such information.

462 6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information  
463 held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the  
464 exemption.



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465           7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be  
466 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized  
467 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.  
468 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as  
469 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney  
470 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing  
471 with The Florida Bar.

472           8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the  
473 Official Records is maintained only during the period when a  
474 protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon  
475 conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such  
476 real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home  
477 address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party  
478 must submit a written request to release the removed information  
479 to the county recorder. The written request to release the  
480 removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a  
481 protected party's request for release is pursuant to a  
482 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the  
483 Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's  
484 file number for each document containing the information to be  
485 released.

486           9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a  
487 certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party  
488 can request the county recorder to release a protected  
489 decedent's removed information unless there is a related request  
490 on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the  
491 decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise  
492 prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to  
493 release the removed information upon the death of a protected

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494 party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or  
495 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for  
496 release is due to the death of a protected party, and must  
497 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument  
498 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the  
499 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the  
500 release of any document pursuant to such request.

501 Section 5. The amendment made by this act to s.  
502 119.071(4)(d)2.g., Florida Statutes, is subject to the Open  
503 Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15,  
504 Florida Statutes, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030,  
505 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
506 Legislature and the text of that sub-subparagraph shall revert  
507 to that in existence on June 30, 2025, except that any  
508 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
509 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
510 amendments are not dependent upon the amendment to the text  
511 which expires pursuant to this section.

512 Section 6. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
513 necessity that the home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
514 numbers of the chair, commissioners, and hearing officers of the  
515 Public Employees Relations Commission; the names, home  
516 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
517 employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and  
518 the names and locations of schools and day care facilities  
519 attended by the children of such personnel be made exempt from  
520 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the  
521 State Constitution. Such personnel and their families are at a  
522 heightened risk of physical and emotional harm from disgruntled

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523 individuals who have contentious reactions to actions taken by  
524 the commission. In addition, such personnel may be subject to  
525 threats or acts of revenge because of the duties they perform.  
526 The spouses and children of such personnel are also endangered  
527 by individuals who seek to intimidate or harm such personnel.  
528 The Legislature finds that the harm that may result from the  
529 release of such personal identifying and location information  
530 outweighs any public benefit that may be derived from disclosure  
531 of the information.

532 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.