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2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 119.071, F.S.; defining terms; providing exemptions
4 from public records requirements for the partial home
5 addresses and telephone numbers of current
6 congressional members and public officers and their
7 spouses and adult children and the names, home
8 addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth of,
9 and the names and locations of schools and day care
10 facilities attended by, the minor children of such
11 congressional members and public officers; providing
12 for future legislative review and repeal of the
13 exemptions; providing methods for maintenance of an
14 exemption; providing for retroactive application of
15 the exemptions; providing a statement of public
16 necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
21 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of
23 public records.—

24 (4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

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

26 a. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which an
27 individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing
28 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot
29 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood

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name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive property information that may reveal the home address.

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

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

2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by a law enforcement agency, including correctional and correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties

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include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone

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88 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,
89 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and
90 county court judges and current judicial assistants; the names,
91 home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of
92 employment of the spouses and children of current or former
93 justices and judges and current judicial assistants; and the
94 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
95 by the children of current or former justices and judges and
96 current judicial assistants are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
97 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph
98 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in
99 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,
100 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment
101 by the Legislature.

102 f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
103 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant
104 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide
105 prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
106 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
107 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys,
108 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant
109 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools
110 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or
111 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide
112 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from
113 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

114 g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
115 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
116 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division

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of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former human resource, labor relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors, managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency or water management district whose duties include hiring and firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such

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

150 j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of
151 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former
152 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.01; the names, home
153 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of
154 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the
155 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
156 by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
157 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

158 k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
159 and photographs of current or former juvenile probation
160 officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention
161 superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile
162 justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention
163 officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers,
164 juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II,
165 juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor
166 supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior
167 human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation
168 therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of
169 Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
170 dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children
171 of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and
172 day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel
173 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
174 Constitution.

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175 1. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
176 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant
177 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,
178 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the
179 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
180 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or
181 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal
182 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal
183 conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations
184 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
185 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders,
186 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant
187 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s.
188 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

189 m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
190 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors
191 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the
192 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
193 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current
194 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and
195 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
196 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors
197 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
198 Constitution.

199 n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of
200 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,
201 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
202 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names
203 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the

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children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such consultants or employees are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former emergency medical

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technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former directors, managers, supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this

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sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention, intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed service component described in s. 397.311(27).

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

u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt

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

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

w. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
and photographs of current county attorneys, assistant county
attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant
city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; the names, home
addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and
places of employment of the spouses and children of current
county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county
attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy
city attorneys; and the names and locations of schools and day
care facilities attended by the children of current county
attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys,
city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city
attorneys are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of
the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a

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county attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney who qualifies as a candidate for election to public office. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

y. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court personnel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy

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clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

z.(I) As used in this sub-subparagraph, the term:

(A) "Congressional member" means a person who is elected to serve as a member of the United States House of Representatives or is elected or appointed to serve as a member of the United States Senate.

(B) "Partial home address" means the dwelling location at which an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing address, street address, parcel identification number, plot identification number, legal property description, neighborhood name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive property information that may reveal the partial home address, except for the city and zip code.

(C) "Public officer" means a person who holds one of the following offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Financial Officer, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, state representative, state senator, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, school superintendent, school board member, mayor, city commissioner, or county commissioner.

(II) The following information is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

(A) The partial home addresses of a current congressional member or public officer and his or her spouse or adult child.

(B) The telephone numbers of a current congressional member

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or public officer and his or her spouse or adult child.

(C) The name, home addresses, telephone numbers, and date of birth of a minor child of a current congressional member or public officer and the name and location of the school or day care facility attended by the minor child.

(III) This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

b. An agency that is the custodian of information specified in sub-subparagraph 2.z. and that is not the employer of the congressional member, public officer, or other person specified in sub-subparagraph 2.z. must maintain the exempt status of that information only if an individual requests the maintenance of an exemption pursuant to sub-subparagraph 2.z. on the basis of eligibility as a current congressional member or public officer and his or her spouse or child submits, as part of the written and notarized request required by sub-subparagraph a., the date

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of the congressional member's or public officer's election or
appointment to public office, the date on which that office is
next subject to election, and, if applicable, the date on which
the current congressional member's or public officer's minor
child reaches the age of majority. The custodian must maintain
an exemption granted pursuant to sub-subparagraph 2.z. until the
qualifying conditions for the exemption no longer apply to the
person subject to the exemption.

4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.
192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s.
192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for
maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must
comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status
and the instrument number or Official Records book and page
number identifying the property with the exempt status from all
publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser
or tax collector. For written requests received on or before
July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax
collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,
2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may
not remove the street address, legal description, or other
information identifying real property within the agency's
records so long as a name or personal information otherwise
exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is
not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the
public records of the agency.

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

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436 5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other
437 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request
438 for the release of his or her exempt information to the
439 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must
440 specify the information to be released and the party authorized
441 to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request,
442 the custodial agency must release the specified information to
443 the party authorized to receive such information.

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

447 7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be
448 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized
449 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.
450 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as
451 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney
452 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing
453 with The Florida Bar.

454 8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the
455 Official Records is maintained only during the period when a
456 protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon
457 conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such
458 real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home
459 address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party
460 must submit a written request to release the removed information
461 to the county recorder. The written request to release the
462 removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a
463 protected party's request for release is pursuant to a
464 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the

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Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the information to be released.

9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party can request the county recorder to release a protected decedent's removed information unless there is a related request on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to release the removed information upon the death of a protected party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for release is due to the death of a protected party, and must specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the release of any document pursuant to such request.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that the partial home addresses and telephone numbers of current congressional members and public officers and their spouses and adult children; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth of the minor children of such congressional members and officers; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the minor children of such congressional members and officers be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Congressional members and public officers are often confronted with making difficult and

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impactful policy decisions. As a result, congressional members
and public officers and their families may receive threats,
including, but not limited to, verbal threats, harassment, and
intimidation, while carrying out their official duties.
Vulnerability to such threats may discourage residents of this
state from seeking elected office in order to protect themselves
and their families. The Legislature further finds that the harm
that may result from the release of such personal identifying
and location information outweighs any public benefit that may
be derived from the disclosure of the information.

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