

**By** the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;  
and Senator Rouson

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to public records; amending s.  
119.071, F.S.; defining the term "appellate court";  
providing an exemption from public records  
requirements for the personal identifying and location  
information of current appellate court clerks and the  
spouses and children of such appellate court clerks;  
providing for future legislative review and repeal of  
the exemption; providing a method for maintenance of  
an exemption; providing for retroactive application of  
the exemption; amending s. 744.21031, F.S.; conforming  
a cross-reference; providing a statement of public  
necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

(4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

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

a. "Appellate court" means the Florida Supreme Court or a  
district court of appeal.

b. "Home addresses" 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

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property information that may reveal the home address.

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

~~d.e.~~ "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 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation

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59 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal  
60 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the  
61 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
62 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
63 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
64 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
65 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
66 Constitution.

67 c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
68 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
69 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of  
70 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation  
71 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state  
72 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,  
73 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
74 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
75 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
76 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
77 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

86 e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
87 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,

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

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

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

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

129       h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
130 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor  
131 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,  
132 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency  
133 or water management district whose duties include hiring and  
134 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or  
135 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,  
136 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
137 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
138 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
139 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
140 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

141       i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
142 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;  
143 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
144 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
145 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care

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

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

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

174 l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

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

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

198 n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of  
199 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,  
200 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
201 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names  
202 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
203 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and

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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 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the



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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 sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means

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

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291 Constitution.

292 v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
293 and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators  
294 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the  
295 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
296 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
297 former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations  
298 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
299 current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s.  
300 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This  
301 sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review  
302 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on  
303 October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through  
304 reenactment by the Legislature.

305 w. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
306 and photographs of current county attorneys, assistant county  
307 attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant  
308 city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; the names, home  
309 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and  
310 places of employment of the spouses and children of current  
311 county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county  
312 attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy  
313 city attorneys; and the names and locations of schools and day  
314 care facilities attended by the children of current county  
315 attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys,  
316 city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city  
317 attorneys are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
318 the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a  
319 county attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county

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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 appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~, deputy clerks of the appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~, and clerk of the appellate and circuit courts ~~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 appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~, deputy clerks of the appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~, and clerk of the appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~ personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities

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attended by the children of current clerks of the appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~, deputy clerks of the appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~, and clerk of the appellate and circuit courts ~~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, 2030 ~~2029~~, 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.y. and that is not the employer of the current appellate or circuit court clerk, current deputy clerk of an appellate of circuit court, or clerk of the appellate and circuit courts personnel, his or her spouse, or his or her child must maintain the exempt status of that information only while the qualifying conditions for the exemption apply. The person who qualifies for an exemption pursuant to sub-subparagraph 2.y, must submit a written and notarized letter to a non-employing

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378 custodial agency that holds information specified in sub-  
379 subparagraph 2.y. of the current appellate or circuit court  
380 clerk, current deputy clerk of an appellate of circuit court, or  
381 clerk of the appellate and circuit courts personnel, his or her  
382 spouse, or his or her child, notifying it of the cessation of  
383 his or her qualification for the exemption.

384 4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.  
385 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s.  
386 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for  
387 maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must  
388 comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status  
389 and the instrument number or Official Records book and page  
390 number identifying the property with the exempt status from all  
391 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser  
392 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before  
393 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax  
394 collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,  
395 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may  
396 not remove the street address, legal description, or other  
397 information identifying real property within the agency's  
398 records so long as a name or personal information otherwise  
399 exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is  
400 not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the  
401 public records of the agency.

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

405 5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other  
406 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request

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407 for the release of his or her exempt information to the  
408 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must  
409 specify the information to be released and the party authorized  
410 to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request,  
411 the custodial agency must release the specified information to  
412 the party authorized to receive such information.

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

416 7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be  
417 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized  
418 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.  
419 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as  
420 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney  
421 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing  
422 with The Florida Bar.

423 8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the  
424 Official Records is maintained only during the period when a  
425 protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon  
426 conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such  
427 real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home  
428 address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.b. 1-a., the protected  
429 party must submit a written request to release the removed  
430 information to the county recorder. The written request to  
431 release the removed information must be notarized, must confirm  
432 that a protected party's request for release is pursuant to a  
433 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the  
434 Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's  
435 file number for each document containing the information to be

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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. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 744.21031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

744.21031 Public records exemption.—

(1) For purposes of this section, the term:

(c) "Telephone numbers" has the same meaning as provided in s. 119.071(4)(d)1.d. ~~s. 119.071(4)(d)1.e.~~

Section 3. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current appellate court clerks, deputy clerks, and clerk of the appellate court personnel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such appellate court clerks, deputy clerks, and clerk of the appellate court



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personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such appellate court clerks, deputy clerks, and clerk of the appellate court personnel be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. While performing their duties to issue court orders, maintain case dockets, answer telephone calls, respond to correspondence, and interact with visitors to the courthouse, appellate court clerks, deputy clerks, and clerk of the appellate court personnel may incur the ill will of litigants and their associates and families. As a result, current appellate court clerks, deputy clerks, and clerk of the appellate court personnel and their spouses and children may be targets for acts of revenge. If such identifying and location information is released, the safety of current appellate court clerks, deputy clerks, and clerk of the appellate court personnel and their spouses and children could be seriously jeopardized. For this reason, the Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that such information be made exempt from public records requirements.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.