

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
 3 119.071, F.S.; defining the term "appellate court";
 4 providing an exemption from public records
 5 requirements for the personal identifying and location
 6 information of current appellate court clerks and the
 7 spouses and children of such appellate court clerks;
 8 providing for future legislative review and repeal of
 9 the exemption; providing for retroactive application
 10 of the exemption; amending s. 744.21031, F.S.;
 11 conforming a cross-reference; providing a statement of
 12 public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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 16 **Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section**
 17 **119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

18 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of
 19 public records.—

20 (4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

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

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

24 b. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which
 25 an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing

26 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot
27 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood
28 name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive
29 property information that may reveal the home address.

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

32 ~~d.e.~~ "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers,
33 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone
34 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal
35 communications devices.

36 2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
37 birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement
38 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by
39 a law enforcement agency, including correctional and
40 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of
41 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of
42 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal
43 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties
44 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and
45 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments
46 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and
47 enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home
48 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and
49 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
50 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care

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

54 b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
55 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative
56 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties
57 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation
58 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal
59 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the
60 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
61 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
62 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
63 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
64 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
65 Constitution.

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

76 | 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

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

100 | f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

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

112 g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
113 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
114 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division
115 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement
116 hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
117 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and
118 children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
119 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division
120 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement
121 hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day
122 care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates,
123 special magistrates, judges of compensation claims,
124 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative
125 Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are

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

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

140 i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
141 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;
142 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
143 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such
144 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
145 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
146 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
147 Constitution.

148 j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of
149 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former
150 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.01; the names, home

151 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of
152 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the
153 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
154 by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
155 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

173 l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
174 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant
175 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,

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

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

197 n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of
198 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,
199 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
200 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names

201 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
202 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
203 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

217 p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
218 and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner
219 consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former
220 employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties
221 result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to
222 practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses,
223 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
224 the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees;
225 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities

226 attended by the children of such consultants or employees are
227 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
228 Constitution.

229 q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
230 and photographs of current or former emergency medical
231 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the
232 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
233 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
234 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and
235 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
236 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are
237 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
238 Constitution.

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

251 s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
252 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,
253 supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction
254 treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers,
255 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the
256 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and
257 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
258 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
259 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this
260 sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means
261 a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed
262 pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention,
263 intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed
264 service component described in s. 397.311(27).

265 t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
266 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,
267 supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center
268 that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the
269 screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a
270 Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties
271 include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual
272 abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation
273 or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case
274 review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
275 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the

276 spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the
277 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
278 by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s.
279 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

280 u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of
281 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former
282 staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s.
283 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the
284 Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names,
285 home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates
286 of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such
287 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
288 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
289 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
290 Constitution.

291 v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
292 and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators
293 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the
294 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
295 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or
296 former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations
297 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
298 current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s.
299 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This
300 sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review

301 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on
302 October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
303 reenactment by the Legislature.

304 w. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
305 and photographs of current county attorneys, assistant county
306 attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant
307 city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; the names, home
308 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and
309 places of employment of the spouses and children of current
310 county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county
311 attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy
312 city attorneys; and the names and locations of schools and day
313 care facilities attended by the children of current county
314 attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys,
315 city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city
316 attorneys are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of
317 the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a
318 county attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county
319 attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city
320 attorney who qualifies as a candidate for election to public
321 office. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government
322 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
323 repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from
324 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

325 x. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

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

338 y. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
339 and photographs of current clerks of the appellate and circuit
340 courts ~~court~~, deputy clerks of the appellate and circuit courts
341 ~~court~~, and clerk of the appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~
342 personnel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates
343 of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children
344 of current clerks of the appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~,
345 deputy clerks of the appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~, and
346 clerk of the appellate and circuit courts ~~court~~ personnel; and
347 the names and locations of schools and day care facilities
348 attended by the children of current clerks of the appellate and
349 circuit courts ~~court~~, deputy clerks of the appellate and circuit
350 courts ~~court~~, and clerk of the appellate and circuit courts

351 ~~court~~ personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art.
352 I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to
353 the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s.
354 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030 ~~2029~~, unless
355 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
356 Legislature.

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

368 4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.
369 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s.
370 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for
371 maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must
372 comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status
373 and the instrument number or Official Records book and page
374 number identifying the property with the exempt status from all
375 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser

376 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before
377 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax
378 collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,
379 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may
380 not remove the street address, legal description, or other
381 information identifying real property within the agency's
382 records so long as a name or personal information otherwise
383 exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is
384 not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the
385 public records of the agency.

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

389 5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other
390 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request
391 for the release of his or her exempt information to the
392 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must
393 specify the information to be released and the party authorized
394 to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request,
395 the custodial agency must release the specified information to
396 the party authorized to receive such information.

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

400 7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be

401 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized
402 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.
403 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as
404 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney
405 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing
406 with The Florida Bar.

407 8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the
408 Official Records is maintained only during the period when a
409 protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon
410 conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such
411 real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home
412 address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.b. ~~1.a.~~, the protected
413 party must submit a written request to release the removed
414 information to the county recorder. The written request to
415 release the removed information must be notarized, must confirm
416 that a protected party's request for release is pursuant to a
417 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the
418 Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's
419 file number for each document containing the information to be
420 released.

421 9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a
422 certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party
423 can request the county recorder to release a protected
424 decedent's removed information unless there is a related request
425 on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the

426 decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise
427 prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to
428 release the removed information upon the death of a protected
429 party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or
430 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for
431 release is due to the death of a protected party, and must
432 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument
433 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the
434 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the
435 release of any document pursuant to such request.

436 **Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section**
437 **744.21031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

438 744.21031 Public records exemption.—

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

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

442 **Section 3.** The Legislature finds that it is a public
443 necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
444 birth, and photographs of current appellate court clerks; the
445 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and
446 places of employment of the spouses and children of such
447 appellate court clerks; and the names and locations of schools
448 and day care facilities attended by the children of such
449 appellate court clerks be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida
450 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution.

451 While performing their duties to issue court orders, maintain
452 case dockets, answer telephone calls, respond to correspondence,
453 and interact with visitors to the courthouse, appellate court
454 clerks may incur the ill will of litigants and their associates
455 and families. As a result, current appellate court clerks and
456 their spouses and children may be targets for acts of revenge.
457 If such identifying and location information is released, the
458 safety of current appellate court clerks and their spouses and
459 children could be seriously jeopardized. For this reason, the
460 Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that such
461 information be made exempt from public records requirements.

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