

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Osgood

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public records; amending s.
119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
records requirements for specified personal
identifying and location information of employees of
crime stoppers organizations and the board members and
volunteers of such crime stoppers organizations;
providing for future legislative review and repeal of
the exemption; providing for retroactive application;
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. "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
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,

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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 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

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59 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care
60 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt
61 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
62 Constitution.

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

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

82 e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
83 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,
84 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and
85 county court judges and current judicial assistants; the names,
86 home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of
87 employment of the spouses and children of current or former

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

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

109 g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone
110 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of
111 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division
112 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement
113 hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
114 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and
115 children 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; 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 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.

j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of

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

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

170 l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
171 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant
172 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,
173 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the
174 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and

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

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

194 n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of
195 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,
196 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of
197 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names
198 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
199 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and
200 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

201 o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
202 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department
203 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination

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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 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

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233 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are
234 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
235 Constitution.

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

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

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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 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

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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 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

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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 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

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349 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

350 z. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
351 and photographs of current or former employees of crime stoppers
352 organizations as defined in s. 16.557(1), and the board members
353 and volunteers of such crime stoppers organizations; the names,
354 home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of
355 employment of the spouses and children of the current or former
356 employees, board members, and volunteers of such crime stoppers
357 organizations; and the names and locations of schools and day
358 care facilities attended by the children of the current or
359 former employees, board members, and volunteers of such crime
360 stoppers organizations are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
361 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph
362 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in
363 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,
364 2030, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment
365 by the Legislature.

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

377 4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.

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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.

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

6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information

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407 held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the
408 exemption.

409 7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be
410 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized
411 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.
412 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as
413 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney
414 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing
415 with The Florida Bar.

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

430 9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a
431 certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party
432 can request the county recorder to release a protected
433 decedent's removed information unless there is a related request
434 on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the
435 decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise

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436 prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to
437 release the removed information upon the death of a protected
438 party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or
439 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for
440 release is due to the death of a protected party, and must
441 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument
442 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the
443 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the
444 release of any document pursuant to such request.

445 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
446 necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
447 birth, and photographs of employees of crime stoppers
448 organizations as defined in s. 16.557(1), Florida Statutes, and
449 the board members and volunteers of such crime stoppers
450 organizations; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
451 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and
452 children of such employees, board members, and volunteers; and
453 the names and locations of schools and day care facilities
454 attended by the children of such employees, board members and
455 volunteers be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes,
456 and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The friends,
457 associates, and family members of people who are involved in
458 criminal investigations may retaliate against crime stoppers
459 employees, board members, and volunteers while they perform
460 their duties, which include collecting sensitive tip
461 information, forwarding this information to appropriate law
462 enforcement agencies, and paying out rewards to anonymous
463 tipsters. Such retaliatory acts may also be targeted at the
464 spouses and children of crime stoppers employees, board members,

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465 and volunteers. If such identifying and location information is
466 released, the safety of current and former crime stoppers
467 employees, board members, and volunteers and their spouses and
468 children could be seriously jeopardized. The Legislature
469 therefore finds that the harm that may result from the release
470 of such personal identifying and location information outweighs
471 any public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of
472 the information.

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