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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; defining the term "state attorney's office or Office of Statewide Prosecution nonlegal support staff"; providing an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying and location information of current state attorney's office and Office of Statewide Prosecution nonlegal support staff and the spouses and children of such staff; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing for retroactive application; 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. "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.

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

32        c. State attorney's office or Office of Statewide  
33 Prosecution nonlegal support staff" means an employee of a state  
34 attorney's office or the Office of Statewide Prosecution  
35 assigned to the following class codes: 6031, 6032, 6033, 6034,  
36 6035, 6141, 6142, 6151, 6152, 6153, 6154, 6155, 6161, 6162,  
37 6163, 6171, 6172, 6173, 6174, 6180, 6211, 6212, 6213, 6214,  
38 6215, 6326, 6327, 6331, 6332, 6333, 6341, 6342, 6343, 6344,  
39 6345, 6349, 6350, 6391, 6392, 6393, 6395, 6407, 6408, 6409,  
40 6417, 6418, 6441, 6442, 6443, 6444, 6491, 6492, 6493, 6495,  
41 6531, 6532, 6533, 6534, 6541, 6542, 6543, 6544, 6545, 6549,  
42 6561, 6562, 6563, 6564, 6566, 6571, 6572, 6573, 6615, 6616,  
43 6801, 6909, 6910, or 6911.

44        d. "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers,  
45 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone  
46 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal  
47 communications devices.

48        2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
49 and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement  
50 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by  
51 a law enforcement agency, including correctional and  
52 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of  
53 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of  
54 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal  
55 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties  
56 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and  
57 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments  
58 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and

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

78 c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
79 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
80 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of  
81 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation  
82 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state  
83 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,  
84 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
85 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
86 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
87 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.

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88 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

97       e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
98 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,  
99 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and  
100 county court judges and current judicial assistants; the names,  
101 home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
102 employment of the spouses and children of current or former  
103 justices and judges and current judicial assistants; and the  
104 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
105 by the children of current or former justices and judges and of  
106 current judicial assistants are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
107 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph  
108 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in  
109 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,  
110 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment  
111 by the Legislature.

112       f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
113 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant  
114 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, ~~or~~ assistant statewide  
115 prosecutors, or current state attorney's office or Office of  
116 Statewide Prosecution nonlegal support staff; the names, home

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117 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and  
118 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
119 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide  
120 prosecutors, ~~or~~ assistant statewide prosecutors, or current  
121 state attorney's office or Office of Statewide Prosecution  
122 nonlegal support staff; and the names and locations of schools  
123 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or  
124 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide  
125 prosecutors, ~~or~~ assistant statewide prosecutors, or current  
126 state attorney's office or Office of Statewide Prosecution  
127 nonlegal support staff are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
128 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph  
129 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in  
130 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,  
131 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment  
132 by the Legislature.

133 g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
134 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of  
135 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division  
136 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement  
137 hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
138 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and  
139 children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of  
140 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division  
141 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement  
142 hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day  
143 care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates,  
144 special magistrates, judges of compensation claims,  
145 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative

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146 Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are  
147 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
148 Constitution.

149 h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
150 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor  
151 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,  
152 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency  
153 or water management district whose duties include hiring and  
154 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or  
155 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,  
156 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
157 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
158 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
159 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
160 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

161 i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
162 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;  
163 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
164 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
165 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
166 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
167 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
168 Constitution.

169 j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
170 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
171 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.01; the names, home  
172 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
173 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the  
174 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended

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175 by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
176 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

177       k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
178 and photographs of current or former juvenile probation  
179 officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention  
180 superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile  
181 justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention  
182 officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers,  
183 juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II,  
184 juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor  
185 supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior  
186 human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation  
187 therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of  
188 Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
189 dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children  
190 of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and  
191 day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel  
192 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
193 Constitution.

194       l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
195 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant  
196 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,  
197 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the  
198 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
199 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
200 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal  
201 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal  
202 conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations  
203 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of

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204 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders,  
205 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant  
206 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s.  
207 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

208 m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
209 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors  
210 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the  
211 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
212 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current  
213 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and  
214 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
215 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors  
216 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
217 Constitution.

218 n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of  
219 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,  
220 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
221 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names  
222 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
223 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
224 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

225 o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
226 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department  
227 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination  
228 or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability  
229 benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed  
230 against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health  
231 care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the  
232 Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone

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233 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses  
234 and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of  
235 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such  
236 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
237 the State Constitution.

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

250 q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
251 and photographs of current or former emergency medical  
252 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the  
253 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
254 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
255 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and  
256 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
257 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are  
258 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
259 Constitution.

260 r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
261 and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an

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262 agency's office of inspector general or internal audit  
263 department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste,  
264 fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that  
265 could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;  
266 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
267 and places of employment of spouses and children of such  
268 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
269 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
270 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
271 Constitution.

272 s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
273 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,  
274 supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction  
275 treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers,  
276 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
277 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
278 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
279 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
280 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this  
281 sub subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means  
282 a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed  
283 pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention,  
284 intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed  
285 service component described in s. 397.311(27).

286 t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
287 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,  
288 supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center  
289 that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the  
290 screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a

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291 Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties  
292 include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual  
293 abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation  
294 or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case  
295 review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
296 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
297 spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the  
298 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
299 by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s.  
300 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

301 u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
302 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
303 staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s.  
304 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the  
305 Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names,  
306 home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates  
307 of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such  
308 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
309 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
310 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
311 Constitution.

312 v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
313 and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators  
314 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the  
315 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
316 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
317 former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations  
318 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
319 current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s.

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320 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This  
321 sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review  
322 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on  
323 October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through  
324 reenactment by the Legislature.

325 w. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
326 and photographs of current county attorneys, assistant county  
327 attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant  
328 city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; the names, home  
329 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and  
330 places of employment of the spouses and children of current  
331 county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county  
332 attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy  
333 city attorneys; and the names and locations of schools and day  
334 care facilities attended by the children of current county  
335 attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys,  
336 city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city  
337 attorneys are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
338 the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a  
339 county attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county  
340 attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city  
341 attorney who qualifies as a candidate for election to public  
342 office. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government  
343 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand  
344 repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from  
345 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

346 x. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
347 and photographs of current or former commissioners of the  
348 Florida Gaming Control Commission; the names, home addresses,

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

359       y. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
360       and photographs of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
361       clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
362       personnel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates  
363       of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children  
364       of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy clerks of the  
365       circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court personnel; and the  
366       names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
367       by the children of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
368       clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
369       personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
370       the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the  
371       Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15  
372       and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and  
373       saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

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

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378 States Senate.

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

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

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

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

396 (B) The telephone numbers of a current congressional member  
397 or public officer and his or her spouse or adult child.

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

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

406 3.a. An agency that is the custodian of the information

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

417 b. An agency that is the custodian of information specified  
418 in sub subparagraph 2.z. and that is not the employer of the  
419 congressional member, public officer, or other person specified  
420 in sub subparagraph 2.z. must maintain the exempt status of that  
421 information only if an individual requests the maintenance of an  
422 exemption pursuant to sub subparagraph 2.z. on the basis of  
423 eligibility as a current congressional member or public officer  
424 and his or her spouse or child submits, as part of the written  
425 and notarized request required by sub subparagraph a., the date  
426 of the congressional member's or public officer's election or  
427 appointment to public office, the date on which that office is  
428 next subject to election, and, if applicable, the date on which  
429 the current congressional member's or public officer's minor  
430 child reaches the age of majority. The custodian must maintain  
431 an exemption granted pursuant to sub subparagraph 2.z. until the  
432 qualifying conditions for the exemption no longer apply to the  
433 person subject to the exemption.

434 4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.  
435 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s.

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436 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for  
437 maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must  
438 comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status  
439 and the instrument number or Official Records book and page  
440 number identifying the property with the exempt status from all  
441 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser  
442 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before  
443 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax  
444 collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,  
445 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may  
446 not remove the street address, legal description, or other  
447 information identifying real property within the agency's  
448 records so long as a name or personal information otherwise  
449 exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is  
450 not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the  
451 public records of the agency.

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

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

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

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465 exemption.

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

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

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

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

502 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section  
503 744.21031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

504 744.21031 Public records exemption.—

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

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

508 Section 3. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
509 necessity that the home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
510 numbers of current state attorney's office and Office of  
511 Statewide Prosecution nonlegal support staff; the names, home  
512 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
513 employment of the spouses and children of such nonlegal support  
514 staff; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
515 facilities attended by the children of such nonlegal support  
516 staff be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s.  
517 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Such personal  
518 identifying and location information can be used as a tool to  
519 perpetrate fraud against an individual or to acquire sensitive  
520 personal, financial, medical, and familial information, the  
521 release of which could cause great financial harm to the  
522 individual. Current state attorney's office and Office of

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523 Statewide Prosecution nonlegal support staff, in the course of  
524 their employment, may assist in the review of criminal  
525 prosecution cases; assist assistant state attorneys and  
526 assistant statewide prosecutors; maintain contact with victims,  
527 witnesses, criminal defense attorneys, judicial assistants, and  
528 law enforcement; and possess and handle sensitive criminal  
529 justice information and personal identifiable information, such  
530 as biometric data, identity history data, biographic data,  
531 property data, and case or incident history data, under strict  
532 security protocols. Such nonlegal support staff may incur the  
533 ill will of litigants, the accused, the convicted, and their  
534 associates and families, thus making nonlegal support staff and  
535 their spouses and children targets for acts of revenge. If such  
536 identifying and location information is released, the safety of  
537 current nonlegal support staff and their spouses and children  
538 could be jeopardized. For these reasons, the Legislature finds  
539 that it is a public necessity that such information be made  
540 exempt from public records requirements.

541 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.