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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; defining terms; expanding a public records exemption for crime victims to include the name and personal identification number of a victim and any other information that could be used to locate, intimidate, harass, or abuse the victim; providing that such exemption includes the portions of records generated by any agency that regularly generates or receives information from or concerning victims of crime; providing for a public records exemption for the identity of a victim's family member, lawful representative, or next of kin and any other information that could be used to locate, intimidate, harass, or abuse these individuals; providing that such exemption includes the portions of records generated or received by any agency that regularly generates or receives information from or concerning victims of crime; providing applicability; providing that the name of a law enforcement officer in a public record which identifies him or her as a victim of crime in specified circumstances is confidential and exempt for 72 hours and providing that such information is exempt for 60 days thereafter; providing construction; providing for

26       future legislative review and repeal of the  
27       exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity;  
28       providing an effective date.

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

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32       **Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section**  
33       **119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

34       119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of  
35       public records.—

36       (2) AGENCY INVESTIGATIONS.—

37       (j)1.a. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term:

38       (I) "Family member" means a spouse, child, parent or legal  
39 guardian, or sibling. This term does not include the accused.

40       (II) "Officer" means any full-time, part-time, or  
41 auxiliary law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or  
42 correctional probation officer certified under s. 943.13.

43       (III) "Victim" means a person who suffers direct or  
44 threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a  
45 result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or  
46 delinquent act or against whom the crime or delinquent act is  
47 committed. The term does not include the accused.

48       b.(I) Any portion of a public record which document that  
49 reveals the identity, including the name or personal  
50 identification number, home or employment telephone number, home

51 or employment address, or personal assets, of a the victim, or  
52 any other information that could be used to locate, intimidate,  
53 harass, or abuse the victim, which of a crime and identifies  
54 that person as the victim of a crime, and which is a public  
55 record that is generated or document is received by any agency  
56 that regularly generates or receives information from or  
57 concerning the victims of crime, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
58 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

59       (II) Any portion of a public record which reveals the  
60 identity, including the name or personal identification number,  
61 home or employment telephone number, home or employment address,  
62 or personal assets, of a lawful representative, family member,  
63 or next of kin of the person identified as a victim by the  
64 public record, or any other information that could be used to  
65 locate, intimidate, harass, or abuse such persons, and which is  
66 a public record that is generated or received by any agency that  
67 regularly generates or receives information from or concerning  
68 the victims of crime is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a),  
69 Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply  
70 to the accused, or to a lawful representative, family member, or  
71 next of kin of a victim upon a showing that the interest of such  
72 person would be in actual or potential conflict with the  
73 interests of the victim.

74       (III) (A) Notwithstanding sub-sub-subparagraph  
75       (2) (j)1.b.(I), the portion of a public record exempted under

76 sub-sub-subparagraph (2)(j)1.b.(I) which contains the name of an  
77 officer who became a victim in the course and scope of the  
78 officer's employment or official duties is confidential and  
79 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
80 Constitution for the first 72 hours after the incident in which  
81 the officer became a victim. These portions of a public record  
82 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
83 Constitution for an additional 60 days after the expiration of  
84 the 72-hour period. After the expiration of the 60-day period,  
85 the portion of a public record which contains the name of an  
86 officer who became a victim in the course and scope of his or  
87 her employment or official duties and which identifies the  
88 officer as a victim is no longer exempt.

89 (B) Sub-sub-sub-subparagraph (2)(j)1.b.(III)(A) does not  
90 supersede the exemption provided for victims of sexual battery  
91 in sub-subparagraph (2)(h)1.b.

92 (IV) This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open  
93 Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and  
94 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and  
95 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. If,  
96 after review, this sub-subparagraph is not reenacted, the text  
97 of this sub-subparagraph shall revert to that in existence on  
98 June 30, 2026, except that any amendments to this sub-  
99 subparagraph enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
100 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are

101     not dependent upon the amendments to the sub subparagraph made  
102     by this act.

103       c. Any information not otherwise held confidential or  
104     exempt from s. 119.07(1) which reveals the home or employment  
105     telephone number, home or employment address, or personal assets  
106     of a person who has been the victim of sexual battery,  
107     aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment,  
108     aggravated battery, or domestic violence is exempt from s.  
109     119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, upon  
110     written request by the victim, which must include official  
111     verification that an applicable crime has occurred. Such  
112     information shall cease to be exempt 5 years after the receipt  
113     of the written request.

114       d. Any state or federal agency that is authorized to have  
115     access to such documents by any provision of law shall be  
116     granted such access in the furtherance of such agency's  
117     statutory duties, notwithstanding this section.

118       2.a. Any information in a videotaped statement of a minor  
119     who is alleged to be or who is a victim of sexual battery, lewd  
120     acts, or other sexual misconduct proscribed in chapter 800 or in  
121     s. 794.011, s. 827.071, s. 847.012, s. 847.0125, s. 847.013, s.  
122     847.0133, or s. 847.0145, which reveals that minor's identity,  
123     including, but not limited to, the minor's face; the minor's  
124     home, school, church, or employment telephone number; the  
125     minor's home, school, church, or employment address; the name of

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126 the minor's school, church, or place of employment; or the  
127 personal assets of the minor; and which identifies that minor as  
128 the victim of a crime described in this subparagraph, held by a  
129 law enforcement agency, is confidential and exempt from s.  
130 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any  
131 governmental agency that is authorized to have access to such  
132 statements by any provision of law shall be granted such access  
133 in the furtherance of the agency's statutory duties,  
134 notwithstanding the provisions of this section.

135 b. A public employee or officer who has access to a  
136 videotaped statement of a minor who is alleged to be or who is a  
137 victim of sexual battery, lewd acts, or other sexual misconduct  
138 proscribed in chapter 800 or in s. 794.011, s. 827.071, s.  
139 847.012, s. 847.0125, s. 847.013, s. 847.0133, or s. 847.0145  
140 may not willfully and knowingly disclose videotaped information  
141 that reveals the minor's identity to a person who is not  
142 assisting in the investigation or prosecution of the alleged  
143 offense or to any person other than the defendant, the  
144 defendant's attorney, or a person specified in an order entered  
145 by the court having jurisdiction of the alleged offense. A  
146 person who violates this provision commits a misdemeanor of the  
147 first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.  
148 775.083.

149 **Section 2.** (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public  
150 necessity that the following information held by an agency that

151 regularly generates or receives information from or concerning  
152 victims of crime be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida  
153 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution:  
154 (a) The portions of public records which identify a person  
155 as a victim of a crime, or any other information that could be  
156 used to locate, intimidate, harass, or abuse a victim.  
157 (b) The portions of public records which reveal the  
158 identity of a lawful representative, family member, or next of  
159 kin of a person identified as a victim by the public record, or  
160 any other information that could be used to locate, intimidate,  
161 harass, or abuse such persons.  
162 (2) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity  
163 that the portion of public records which is held by an agency  
164 that regularly generates or receives information from or  
165 concerning victims of crime and which contains the name of an  
166 officer who became a victim in the course and scope of the  
167 officer's employment or official duties be made confidential and  
168 exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),  
169 Article I of the State Constitution for a 72-hour period after  
170 the incident in which the officer became a victim. The  
171 Legislature further finds it is a public necessity that these  
172 portions of a public record be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida  
173 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution for  
174 an additional 60 days after the expiration of the 72-hour  
175 period.

176        (3) Victims, and their lawful representatives, family  
177        members, and next of kin, have a right to be free from  
178        intimidation, harassment, and abuse. Community attention is  
179        often piqued when a person becomes a victim, which may lead to  
180        the undue intrusion into the person's privacy, as well as the  
181        privacy of his or her lawful representative, family member, or  
182        next of kin. The identifying information of such persons could  
183        be used to further traumatize them. The risk of additional harm  
184        or harassment outweighs any public benefit that may be derived  
185        from the public disclosure of such information. The Legislature  
186        also finds that the release of such portions of records may  
187        deter crime victims from cooperating with law enforcement and  
188        reporting criminal acts based on a victim's fear of additional  
189        retaliation or attention. This exemption is narrowly tailored to  
190        balance the public's right to access public records by allowing  
191        the release of the name of a law enforcement officer who becomes  
192        a victim within the course and scope of his or her employment or  
193        duties 63 days after the incident. The risk of additional harm  
194        or harassment outweighs any public benefit that may be derived  
195        from the public disclosure of such information.

196        **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.