

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
3 119.071, F.S.; defining the terms "civilian
4 contractor" and "government employee"; providing an
5 exemption from public records requirements for certain
6 current and former civilian contractors and government
7 employees and their spouses and dependents; providing
8 for retroactive application; providing for future
9 legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
10 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
11 an effective date.

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

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15 **Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subsection (5) of section**
16 **119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

17 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of
18 public records.—

19 (5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

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

21 a. "Civilian contractor" or "government employee" means
22 any person who is authorized to access information that is
23 deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government.

24 b.a. "Identification and location information" means the:

25 (I) Home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth

26 of current and former civilian contractors, government
27 employees, and military personnel, and the telephone numbers
28 associated with the personal communication devices of current
29 and former civilian contractors, government employees, and
30 military personnel.

31 (II) Home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth
32 of the spouses and dependents of current and former civilian
33 contractors, government employees, and military personnel, and
34 the telephone numbers associated with the personal communication
35 devices of such spouses and dependents.

36 (III) Names and locations of schools attended by the
37 spouses of current and former civilian contractors, government
38 employees, and military personnel and schools or day care
39 facilities attended by dependents of current and former civilian
40 contractors, government employees, and military personnel.

41 ~~c.b.~~ "Military personnel" means persons employed by the
42 United States Department of Defense who are authorized to access
43 information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the
44 Federal Government or who are servicemembers of a special
45 operations force.

46 ~~d.e.~~ "Special operations force" has the same meaning as
47 provided in s. 943.10(22).

48 2. Identification and location information held by an
49 agency is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the
50 State Constitution if the current or former civilian contractor,

51 government employee, or military personnel member submits to an
52 agency that has custody of the identification and location
53 information:

54 a. A written request to exempt the identification and
55 location information from public disclosure; and

56 b. A written statement that he or she has made reasonable
57 efforts to protect the identification and location information
58 from being accessible through other means available to the
59 public.

60 3. This exemption applies to identification and location
61 information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective
62 date of this exemption.

63 4. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset
64 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
65 on October 2, 2031 ~~2029~~, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
66 through reenactment by the Legislature.

67 **Section 2.** The Legislature finds that it is a public
68 necessity that the identification and location information of
69 current and former civilian contractors and government employees
70 who are authorized to access information that is deemed "secret"
71 or "top secret" by the Federal Government, and their spouses and
72 dependents, which is held by an agency be made exempt from s.
73 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
74 State Constitution. Such current and former civilian contractors
75 and government employees are at risk of being threatened by

76 terrorist groups because of their access to such information.
77 The Legislature finds that allowing continued public access to
78 the identification and location information of such current and
79 former civilian contractors and government employees, and their
80 spouses and dependents, jeopardizes the safety of such personnel
81 and their spouses and dependents. The Legislature further finds
82 that protecting the safety and security of such current and
83 former civilian contractors and government employees, and their
84 spouses and dependents, outweighs any public benefit that may be
85 derived from the public disclosure of the identification and
86 location information.

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