

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07,
3 F.S.; authorizing certain law enforcement officers to
4 decline to accept or process public records requests;
5 providing requirements for such officers; providing a
6 penalty; providing an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 119.07,**
11 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

12 119.07 Inspection and copying of records; photographing
13 public records; fees; exemptions.—

14 (10) (a) A law enforcement officer, as defined in s.
15 943.10(1), who is actively engaged in the performance of an
16 official duty, including, but not limited to, a call for
17 service, an investigation, a case-related activity, or any other
18 official law enforcement activity, may decline to accept or
19 process a public records request at such time.

20 (b) The determination of whether an officer is actively
21 engaged in the performance of an official duty under this
22 subsection shall be made by the officer. Upon such
23 determination, the officer must verbally inform the requestor
24 that he or she cannot accept or process the request and must
25 direct the requestor to:

26 1. The custodian of records for the officer's employing
27 agency; or

28 2. An official public records request portal, if
29 available.

30 (c) A person who, after being informed as required under
31 paragraph (b), knowingly and willfully persists in attempting to
32 compel an officer to accept or process a public records request
33 while the officer is actively engaged in the performance of an
34 official duty commits the offense of resisting an officer
35 without violence in violation of s. 843.02.

36 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.