

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 661 (2026)

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u> (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u> (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u> (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u> (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u> (Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Industries & Professional
2 Activities Subcommittee

3 Representative Stark offered the following:

5 **Amendment**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 **Section 1. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (5) of**
8 **section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:**

9 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of
10 public records.—

11 (5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

12 (1) The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
13 and photographs of current and former private investigators
14 licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
15 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
16 and places of employment of the spouses and children of current

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17 and former private investigators licensed by the Department of
18 Agriculture and Consumer Services; and the names and locations
19 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of
20 current and former private investigators licensed by the
21 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services are exempt from
22 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.
23 This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review
24 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on
25 October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
26 reenactment by the Legislature.

27 **Section 2.** The Legislature finds that it is a public
28 necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
29 birth, and photographs of current and former private
30 investigators licensed by the Department of Agriculture and
31 Consumer Services; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,
32 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and
33 children of current and former private investigators licensed by
34 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and the
35 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended
36 by the children of current and former private investigators
37 licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
38 be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s.
39 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Private
40 investigators routinely engage in sensitive work that may
41 involve uncovering fraud, locating missing persons, or assisting

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42 in criminal and civil matters. In the course of their duties,
43 private investigators often interact with individuals who have
44 strong motives to retaliate or cause harm. Public access to a
45 private investigator's home address or personal information
46 could expose private investigators and their families to
47 threats, harassment, stalking, or physical violence. Protecting
48 this information does not diminish transparency or
49 accountability in government but instead balances the public's
50 right to access records with this state's compelling interest in
51 safeguarding the personal safety of those who provide critical
52 private investigative services. Therefore, exempting such
53 information from public records requirements is a reasonable and
54 necessary measure to ensure the security and privacy of private
55 investigators and their families while preserving the integrity
56 of this state's public records system.

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

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