

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 661 (2026)

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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WITHDRAWN	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>	

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Industries & Professional  
Activities Subcommittee

Representative Stark offered the following:

**Amendment**

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

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

(5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

(1) The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
and photographs of current and former private investigators  
licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;  
the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
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24 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on  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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in criminal and civil matters. In the course of their duties,  
private investigators often interact with individuals who have  
strong motives to retaliate or cause harm. Public access to a  
private investigator's home address or personal information  
could expose private investigators and their families to  
threats, harassment, stalking, or physical violence. Protecting  
this information does not diminish transparency or  
accountability in government but instead balances the public's  
right to access records with this state's compelling interest in  
safeguarding the personal safety of those who provide critical  
private investigative services. Therefore, exempting such  
information from public records requirements is a reasonable and  
necessary measure to ensure the security and privacy of private  
investigators and their families while preserving the integrity  
of this state's public records system.

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