

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2     An act relating to public records; amending s.  
3     119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public  
4     records requirements for the personal identifying and  
5     location information of current and former private  
6     investigators licensed by the Department of  
7     Agriculture and Consumer Services and the spouses and  
8     children of such private investigators; providing for  
9     future legislative review and repeal of the exemption;  
10    providing for retroactive application; providing a  
11    statement of public necessity; providing an effective  
12    date.

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

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16       **Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section**  
17 **119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

20       (4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

21       (d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

22       a. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which  
23 an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing  
24 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot  
25 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood

26 name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive  
27 property information that may reveal the home address.

28       b. "Judicial assistant" means a court employee assigned to  
29 the following class codes: 8140, 8150, 8310, and 8320.

30       c. "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers,  
31 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone  
32 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal  
33 communications devices.

34       2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of  
35 birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement  
36 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by  
37 a law enforcement agency, including correctional and  
38 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of  
39 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of  
40 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal  
41 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties  
42 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and  
43 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments  
44 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and  
45 enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home  
46 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and  
47 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
48 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
49 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
50 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State

51 Constitution.

52       b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
53 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
54 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties  
55 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation  
56 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal  
57 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the  
58 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
59 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
60 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
61 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
62 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State

63 Constitution.

64       c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
65 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
66 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of  
67 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation  
68 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state  
69 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,  
70 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
71 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
72 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
73 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
74 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

75       d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

76 and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in  
77 compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone  
78 numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment  
79 of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names  
80 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
81 children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
82 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

83 e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
84 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,  
85 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and  
86 county court judges and current judicial assistants; the names,  
87 home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
88 employment of the spouses and children of current or former  
89 justices and judges and current judicial assistants; and the  
90 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
91 by the children of current or former justices and judges and of  
92 current judicial assistants are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
93 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph  
94 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in  
95 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,  
96 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment  
97 by the Legislature.

98 f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
99 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant  
100 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide

prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

126           h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
127 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor  
128 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,  
129 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency  
130 or water management district whose duties include hiring and  
131 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or  
132 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,  
133 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
134 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
135 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
136 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
137 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

138           i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
139 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;  
140 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
141 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
142 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
143 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
144 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
145 Constitution.

146           j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
147 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
148 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.01; the names, home  
149 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
150 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the

names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former juvenile probation officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers, juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II, juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

l. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and

176 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
177 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal  
178 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal  
179 conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations  
180 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
181 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders,  
182 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant  
183 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s.  
184 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

185       m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
186 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors  
187 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the  
188 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
189 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current  
190 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and  
191 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
192 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors  
193 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
194 Constitution.

195       n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of  
196 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,  
197 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
198 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names  
199 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
200 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and

201 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

202 o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
203 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department  
204 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination  
205 or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability  
206 benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed  
207 against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health  
208 care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the  
209 Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone  
210 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses  
211 and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of  
212 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such  
213 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
214 the State Constitution.

215 p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
216 and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner  
217 consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former  
218 employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties  
219 result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to  
220 practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses,  
221 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
222 the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees;  
223 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities  
224 attended by the children of such consultants or employees are  
225 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State

226 Constitution.

227       q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
228 and photographs of current or former emergency medical  
229 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the  
230 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
231 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
232 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and  
233 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
234 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are  
235 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
236 Constitution.

237       r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
238 and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an  
239 agency's office of inspector general or internal audit  
240 department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste,  
241 fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that  
242 could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;  
243 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
244 and places of employment of spouses and children of such  
245 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
246 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
247 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
248 Constitution.

249       s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
250 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,

251 supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction  
252 treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers,  
253 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
254 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
255 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
256 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
257 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this  
258 sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means  
259 a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed  
260 pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention,  
261 intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed  
262 service component described in s. 397.311(27).

263 t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
264 and photographs of current or former directors, managers,  
265 supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center  
266 that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the  
267 screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a  
268 Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties  
269 include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual  
270 abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation  
271 or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case  
272 review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
273 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
274 spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the  
275 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended

276 by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s.  
277 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

278       u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
279 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
280 staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s.  
281 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the  
282 Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names,  
283 home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates  
284 of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such  
285 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
286 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
287 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
288 Constitution.

289       v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
290 and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators  
291 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the  
292 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
293 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
294 former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations  
295 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
296 current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s.  
297 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This  
298 sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review  
299 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on  
300 October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through

reenactment by the Legislature.

w. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a county attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney who qualifies as a candidate for election to public office. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

x. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former commissioners of the Florida Gaming Control Commission; the names, home addresses,

326 telephone numbers, dates of birth, photographs, and places of  
327 employment of the spouses and children of such current or former  
328 commissioners; and the names and locations of schools and day  
329 care facilities attended by the children of such current or  
330 former commissioners are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a),  
331 Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is  
332 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance  
333 with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029,  
334 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
335 Legislature.

336 y. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
337 and photographs of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
338 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
339 personnel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates  
340 of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children  
341 of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy clerks of the  
342 circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court personnel; and the  
343 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
344 by the children of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
345 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
346 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
347 the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the  
348 Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15  
349 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and  
350 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

z.(I) As used in this sub-subparagraph, the term:

(A) "Congressional member" means a person who is elected to serve as a member of the United States House of Representatives or is elected or appointed to serve as a member of the United States Senate.

(B) "Partial home address" means the dwelling location at which an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing address, street address, parcel identification number, plot identification number, legal property description, neighborhood name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive property information that may reveal the partial home address, except for the city and zip code.

(C) "Public officer" means a person who holds one of the following offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Financial Officer, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, state representative, state senator, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, school superintendent, school board member, mayor, city commissioner, or county commissioner.

(II) The following information is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

(A) The partial home addresses of a current congressional member or public officer and his or her spouse or adult child.

(B) The telephone numbers of a current congressional member or public officer and his or her spouse or adult child.

(C) The name, home addresses, telephone numbers, and date

of birth of a minor child of a current congressional member or public officer and the name and location of the school or day care facility attended by the minor child.

(III) This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

aa. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or 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 or former private investigators licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former private investigators licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

3.a. An agency that is the custodian of the information specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in

401 subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that  
402 information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other  
403 person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a  
404 written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption  
405 to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the  
406 statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and  
407 confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt  
408 status.

409       b. An agency that is the custodian of information  
410 specified in sub-subparagraph 2.z. and that is not the employer  
411 of the congressional member, public officer, or other person  
412 specified in sub-subparagraph 2.z. must maintain the exempt  
413 status of that information only if an individual requests the  
414 maintenance of an exemption pursuant to sub-subparagraph 2.z. on  
415 the basis of eligibility as a current congressional member or  
416 public officer and his or her spouse or child submits, as part  
417 of the written and notarized request required by sub-  
418 subparagraph a., the date of the congressional member's or  
419 public officer's election or appointment to public office, the  
420 date on which that office is next subject to election, and, if  
421 applicable, the date on which the current congressional member's  
422 or public officer's minor child reaches the age of majority. The  
423 custodian must maintain an exemption granted pursuant to sub-  
424 subparagraph 2.z. until the qualifying conditions for the  
425 exemption no longer apply to the person subject to the

426 exemption.

427       4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.  
428 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s.  
429 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for  
430 maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must  
431 comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status  
432 and the instrument number or Official Records book and page  
433 number identifying the property with the exempt status from all  
434 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser  
435 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before  
436 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax  
437 collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,  
438 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may  
439 not remove the street address, legal description, or other  
440 information identifying real property within the agency's  
441 records so long as a name or personal information otherwise  
442 exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is  
443 not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the  
444 public records of the agency.

445       b. Any information restricted from public display,  
446 inspection, or copying under sub-subparagraph a. must be  
447 provided to the individual whose information was removed.

448       5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other  
449 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request  
450 for the release of his or her exempt information to the

451 | custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must  
452 | specify the information to be released and the party authorized  
453 | to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request,  
454 | the custodial agency must release the specified information to  
455 | the party authorized to receive such information.

456 |         6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information  
457 | held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the  
458 | exemption.

459 |         7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be  
460 | disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized  
461 | pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.  
462 | 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as  
463 | defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney  
464 | duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing  
465 | with The Florida Bar.

466 |         8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the  
467 | Official Records is maintained only during the period when a  
468 | protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon  
469 | conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such  
470 | real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home  
471 | address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party  
472 | must submit a written request to release the removed information  
473 | to the county recorder. The written request to release the  
474 | removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a  
475 | protected party's request for release is pursuant to a

476 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the  
477 Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's  
478 file number for each document containing the information to be  
479 released.

480       9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a  
481 certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party  
482 can request the county recorder to release a protected  
483 decedent's removed information unless there is a related request  
484 on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the  
485 decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise  
486 prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to  
487 release the removed information upon the death of a protected  
488 party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or  
489 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for  
490 release is due to the death of a protected party, and must  
491 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument  
492 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the  
493 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the  
494 release of any document pursuant to such request.

495       **Section 2.** The Legislature finds that it is a public  
496 necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of  
497 birth, and photographs of current and former private  
498 investigators licensed by the Department of Agriculture and  
499 Consumer Services; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
500 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and

children of current and former private investigators licensed by  
the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and the  
names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
by the children of current and former private investigators  
licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s.  
24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Private  
investigators routinely engage in sensitive work that may  
involve uncovering fraud, locating missing persons, or assisting  
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.