

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 record 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 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 (1) is added to subsection (5) of**  
16 **section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:**

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

19 (5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

20 (1) The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
21 and photographs of current and former private investigators  
22 licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;  
23 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
24 and places of employment of the spouses and children of current  
25 and former private investigators licensed by the Department of

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32 Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on  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

35 **Section 2.** The Legislature finds that it is a public  
36 necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of  
37 birth, and photographs of current and former private  
38 investigators licensed by the Department of Agriculture and  
39 Consumer Services; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
40 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and  
41 children of current and former private investigators licensed by  
42 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and the  
43 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
44 by the children of current and former private investigators  
45 licensed by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
46 be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s.  
47 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Private  
48 investigators routinely engage in sensitive work that may  
49 involve uncovering fraud, locating missing persons, or assisting  
50 in criminal and civil matters. In the course of their duties,

51 private investigators often interact with individuals who have  
52 strong motives to retaliate or cause harm. Public access to a  
53 private investigator's home address or personal information  
54 could expose private investigators and their families to  
55 threats, harassment, stalking, or physical violence. Protecting  
56 this information does not diminish transparency or  
57 accountability in government but instead balances the public's  
58 right to access records with this state's compelling interest in  
59 safeguarding the personal safety of those who provide critical  
60 private investigative services. Therefore, exempting such  
61 information from public records requirements is a reasonable and  
62 necessary measure to ensure the security and privacy of private  
63 investigators and their families while preserving the integrity  
64 of this state's public records system.

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