

1                               A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to public records; amending s.  
3       447.205, F.S.; exempting from public records  
4       requirements written communications developed in  
5       preparation for, or preliminary to, the issuance of  
6       any order by the Public Employees Relations Commission  
7       or its designees; providing for future legislative  
8       review and repeal of the exemption; providing a  
9       statement of public necessity; amending s. 447.308,  
10      F.S.; exempting from public records requirements  
11      showing of interest statements signed by public  
12      employees and filed with the Public Employees  
13      Relations Commission; providing an exception;  
14      providing for future legislative review and repeal of  
15      the exemption; providing a statement of public  
16      necessity; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; exempting from  
17      public records requirements the personal identifying  
18      and location information of the chair, commissioners,  
19      and hearing officers of the Public Employees Relations  
20      Commission and the personal identifying and location  
21      information of spouses and children of such personnel;  
22      providing for future legislative review and repeal of  
23      the exemption; providing a statement of public  
24      necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

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

**Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 447.205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

447.205 Public Employees Relations Commission.—

(10) The deliberations of the commission ~~in any proceeding before it~~ are closed and exempt from ~~the provisions of s. 286.011. However,~~ any hearing held or oral argument heard by the commission pursuant to chapter 120 or this chapter must ~~shall~~ be open to the public. All draft orders and related written communications that are developed in preparation for, or preliminary to, the issuance of any order by the commission or its designees ~~a final written order~~ are confidential and exempt from ~~the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.~~

**Section 2.** The amendment made by this act to s. 447.205(10), Florida Statutes, is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, Florida Statutes, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature and the text of that subsection shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, except that any amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the amendment to the text which expires pursuant

51 to this section.

52 **Section 3.** The Legislature finds that it is a public  
53 necessity that draft orders and related written communications  
54 that are developed in preparation for, or preliminary to, the  
55 issuance of any order by the Public Employees Relations  
56 Commission or its designees be made confidential and exempt from  
57 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the  
58 State Constitution. The Public Employees Relations Commission,  
59 as a quasi-judicial agency, speaks through its written orders  
60 based on the law and facts. The commission and its hearing  
61 officers rely on the confidentiality of draft orders and written  
62 communications related to these drafts before they become final  
63 and are released to the public. The existing provision in s.  
64 447.205(10), Florida Statutes, addresses this confidentiality  
65 and recognizes its importance to the proper functioning of the  
66 commission. However, it was adopted in 1977, with the only  
67 substantive amendment being made in 1991. To avoid the existing  
68 provision from being inadvertently read so as to allow public  
69 access to draft orders or commission deliberations, including  
70 preliminary work prepared by commission hearing officers, the  
71 Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that the  
72 language of the provision providing for confidentiality and  
73 exemption of commission deliberations and draft orders be  
74 clarified to reflect updates in technology, current practices of  
75 the commission related to the use of hearing officers, and

76 modern methods of communication. The confidentiality and  
77 exemption of commission deliberations and draft orders are  
78 essential to the operation of the commission. Likewise, the  
79 confidentiality and exemption of written communications related  
80 to draft orders are essential to the operation of the commission  
81 given updates in technology, commission practice of using  
82 hearing officers as designees to prepare draft orders and assist  
83 in preparing final orders, and modern methods of communication.  
84 The Legislature further finds that the harm that may result from  
85 the release of written communications related to draft orders,  
86 in light of current technology, practices, and methods of  
87 communication, outweighs any public benefit that may be derived  
88 from the disclosure of such written communications.

89 **Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 447.308, Florida**  
90 **Statutes, as amended by HB 995, 2026 Regular Session, is amended**  
91 **to read:**

92 447.308 Decertification of certification of employee  
93 organizations.—

94 (1) A public employee or group of public employees that no  
95 longer desires to be represented by a bargaining agent may file  
96 with the commission a petition to decertify the bargaining  
97 agent. The petition must be accompanied by a showing of interest  
98 from at least 30 percent of the public employees in the  
99 bargaining unit. The showing of interest statements must be  
100 signed and dated by the public employees not more than 12 months

101 before the filing of the petition. The showing of interest  
102 signed by an employee is confidential and exempt from s.  
103 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, except  
104 that any public employee, public employer, or employee  
105 organization having sufficient reason to believe that the  
106 showing of interest was obtained by collusion, coercion,  
107 intimidation, or misrepresentation or is otherwise invalid shall  
108 be given a reasonable opportunity to verify and challenge the  
109 showing of interest.

110 **Section 5.** The amendment made by this act to s.  
111 447.308(1), Florida Statutes, is subject to the Open Government  
112 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, Florida  
113 Statutes, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2031, unless  
114 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
115 Legislature, and the text of that subsection shall revert to  
116 that in existence on June 30, 2026, except that any amendments  
117 to such text enacted other than by this act shall be preserved  
118 and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are  
119 not dependent upon the amendment to the text which expires  
120 pursuant to this section.

121 **Section 6.** The Legislature finds that it is a public  
122 necessity that showing of interest statements signed by public  
123 employees indicating their desire to no longer be represented by  
124 their bargaining agent be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida  
125 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution.

Showing of interest statements signed by public employees indicating their desire to be represented by a bargaining agent are already exempt and confidential pursuant to s. 447.307, Florida Statutes, in order avoid the practical effect of chilling the employees' exercise of the right to form and join a union. Similarly, showing of interest statements seeking to decertify a union must be kept confidential in order to avoid the practical effect of chilling the employees' exercise of the right to no longer be represented by a union. The Legislature finds that the harm that may result from the release of this showing of interest information outweighs any public benefit that may be derived from disclosure of the information.

**Section 7. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

(4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

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

a. "Home addresses" 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 home address.

b. "Judicial assistant" means a court employee assigned to

the following class codes: 8140, 8150, 8310, and 8320.

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

2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by a law enforcement agency, including correctional and correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the 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.

b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative

176 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties  
177 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation  
178 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal  
179 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the  
180 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
181 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
182 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
183 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
184 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
185 Constitution.

186 c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
187 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
188 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of  
189 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation  
190 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state  
191 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,  
192 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
193 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
194 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
195 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
196 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

197 d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
198 and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in  
199 compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone  
200 numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment



201 of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names  
202 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
203 children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
204 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

205 e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
206 numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,  
207 district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and  
208 county court judges and current judicial assistants; the names,  
209 home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
210 employment of the spouses and children of current or former  
211 justices and judges and current judicial assistants; and the  
212 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
213 by the children of current or former justices and judges and of  
214 current judicial assistants are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
215 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph  
216 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in  
217 accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,  
218 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment  
219 by the Legislature.

220 f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
221 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant  
222 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide  
223 prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
224 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
225 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys,

226 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant  
227 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools  
228 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or  
229 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide  
230 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from  
231 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

232 g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
233 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of  
234 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division  
235 of Administrative Hearings, ~~and~~ child support enforcement  
236 hearing officers, and the chair, commissioners, and hearing  
237 officers of the Public Employees Relations Commission; the  
238 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
239 places of employment of the spouses and children of general  
240 magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims,  
241 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative  
242 Hearings, ~~and~~ child support enforcement hearing officers, and  
243 the chair, commissioners, and hearing officers of the Public  
244 Employees Relations Commission; and the names and locations of  
245 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
246 general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation  
247 claims, administrative law judges of the Division of  
248 Administrative Hearings, ~~and~~ child support enforcement hearing  
249 officers, and the chair, commissioners, and hearing officers of  
250 the Public Employees Relations Commission are exempt from s.

251 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

252 h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
253 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor  
254 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,  
255 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency  
256 or water management district whose duties include hiring and  
257 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or  
258 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,  
259 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
260 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
261 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
262 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
263 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

264 i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
265 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;  
266 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
267 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
268 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
269 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
270 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
271 Constitution.

272 j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
273 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
274 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.01; the names, home  
275 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of

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

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

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

names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the

children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the 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.

p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such consultants or employees are

351 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
352 Constitution.

353       q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
354 and photographs of current or former emergency medical  
355 technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the  
356 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
357 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
358 emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and  
359 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
360 children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are  
361 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
362 Constitution.

363       r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
364 and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an  
365 agency's office of inspector general or internal audit  
366 department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste,  
367 fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that  
368 could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;  
369 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
370 and places of employment of spouses and children of such  
371 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
372 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
373 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
374 Constitution.

375       s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

and photographs of current or former directors, managers, supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the 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. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention, intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed service component described in s. 397.311(27).

t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former directors, managers, supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the



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

u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates of birth, and photographs of the 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.

v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators of 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 inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former inspectors or investigators 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, 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

451 Florida Gaming Control Commission; the names, home addresses,  
452 telephone numbers, dates of birth, photographs, and places of  
453 employment of the spouses and children of such current or former  
454 commissioners; and the names and locations of schools and day  
455 care facilities attended by the children of such current or  
456 former commissioners are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a),  
457 Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is  
458 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance  
459 with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029,  
460 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
461 Legislature.

462 y. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
463 and photographs of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
464 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
465 personnel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates  
466 of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children  
467 of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy clerks of the  
468 circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court personnel; and the  
469 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
470 by the children of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
471 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
472 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
473 the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the  
474 Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15  
475 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and

476 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

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

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

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

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

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

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

500 (B) The telephone numbers of a current congressional

501 member or public officer and his or her spouse or adult child.

502 (C) The name, home addresses, telephone numbers, and date  
503 of birth of a minor child of a current congressional member or  
504 public officer and the name and location of the school or day  
505 care facility attended by the minor child.

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

510 3.a. An agency that is the custodian of the information  
511 specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the  
512 officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in  
513 subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that  
514 information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other  
515 person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a  
516 written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption  
517 to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the  
518 statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and  
519 confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt  
520 status.

521 b. An agency that is the custodian of information  
522 specified in sub-subparagraph 2.z. and that is not the employer  
523 of the congressional member, public officer, or other person  
524 specified in sub-subparagraph 2.z. must maintain the exempt  
525 status of that information only if an individual requests the

526 maintenance of an exemption pursuant to sub-subparagraph 2.z. on  
527 the basis of eligibility as a current congressional member or  
528 public officer and his or her spouse or child submits, as part  
529 of the written and notarized request required by sub-  
530 subparagraph a., the date of the congressional member's or  
531 public officer's election or appointment to public office, the  
532 date on which that office is next subject to election, and, if  
533 applicable, the date on which the current congressional member's  
534 or public officer's minor child reaches the age of majority. The  
535 custodian must maintain an exemption granted pursuant to sub-  
536 subparagraph 2.z. until the qualifying conditions for the  
537 exemption no longer apply to the person subject to the  
538 exemption.

539 4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s.  
540 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s.  
541 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for  
542 maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must  
543 comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status  
544 and the instrument number or Official Records book and page  
545 number identifying the property with the exempt status from all  
546 publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser  
547 or tax collector. For written requests received on or before  
548 July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax  
549 collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,  
550 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may

not remove the street address, legal description, or other information identifying real property within the agency's records so long as a name or personal information otherwise exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the public records of the agency.

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

5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request for the release of his or her exempt information to the custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must specify the information to be released and the party authorized to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request, the custodial agency must release the specified information to the party authorized to receive such information.

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

7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s. 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney

576 | duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing  
577 | with The Florida Bar.

578 |       8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the  
579 | Official Records is maintained only during the period when a  
580 | protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon  
581 | conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such  
582 | real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home  
583 | address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party  
584 | must submit a written request to release the removed information  
585 | to the county recorder. The written request to release the  
586 | removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a  
587 | protected party's request for release is pursuant to a  
588 | conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the  
589 | Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's  
590 | file number for each document containing the information to be  
591 | released.

592 |       9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a  
593 | certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party  
594 | can request the county recorder to release a protected  
595 | decedent's removed information unless there is a related request  
596 | on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the  
597 | decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise  
598 | prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to  
599 | release the removed information upon the death of a protected  
600 | party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or



601 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for  
602 release is due to the death of a protected party, and must  
603 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument  
604 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the  
605 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the  
606 release of any document pursuant to such request.

607 **Section 8.** The amendment made by this act to s.  
608 119.071(4)(d)2.g., Florida Statutes, is subject to the Open  
609 Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15,  
610 Florida Statutes, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2031,  
611 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
612 Legislature and the text of that sub-subparagraph shall revert  
613 to that in existence on June 30, 2026, except that any  
614 amendments to such text enacted other than by this act shall be  
615 preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such  
616 amendments are not dependent upon the amendment to the text  
617 which expires pursuant to this section.

618 **Section 9.** The Legislature finds that it is a public  
619 necessity that the home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
620 numbers of the chair, commissioners, and hearing officers of the  
621 Public Employees Relations Commission; the names, home  
622 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
623 employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and  
624 the names and locations of schools and day care facilities  
625 attended by the children of such personnel be made exempt from

s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Such personnel and their families are at a heightened risk of physical and emotional harm from disgruntled individuals who have contentious reactions to actions taken by the commission. In addition, such personnel may be subject to threats or acts of revenge because of the duties they perform. The spouses and children of such personnel are also endangered by individuals who seek to intimidate or harm such personnel. The Legislature finds that the harm that may result from the release of such personal identifying and location information outweighs any public benefit that may be derived from disclosure of the information.

**Section 10.** This act shall take effect on the same date that HB 995 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.