An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for the personal identifying and location information of certain nonsworn investigative personnel of the Department of Financial Services and the names and personal identifying and location information of the spouses and children of such personnel; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain identifying and location information of current or former emergency medical technicians or paramedics certified under ch. 401, F.S., and the spouses and children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics, under specified circumstances; providing for future review and repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. 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 “telephone numbers” includes home telephone numbers, personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal communications
2.a.(I) The home addresses, telephone numbers, social
security numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of active or
former sworn or civilian law enforcement personnel, 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 home
addresses, telephone numbers, social security 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).

(II) The names of the spouses and children of active or
former sworn or civilian law enforcement personnel and the other
specified agency personnel identified in sub-sub-subparagraph
(I) are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the
State Constitution.

(III) Sub-sub-subparagraph (II) is subject to the Open
Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, and
shall stand repealed on October 2, 2018, unless reviewed and
saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

(IV) The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative
personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties
include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers’ compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; 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. This sub-sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2021, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of firefighters certified in compliance with s. 633.408; the home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1).

c. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former justices and judges; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former justices and judges are exempt from s. 119.07(1).

d. (I) The home addresses, telephone numbers, social
security numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or 
former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide 
prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; the home 
addresses, telephone numbers, social security 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. 

(II) The names of the spouses and 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. 

(III) Sub-sub-subparagraph (II) is subject to the Open 
Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, and 
shall stand repealed on October 2, 2018, unless reviewed and 
saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. 

e. 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 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 if the general magistrate, special magistrate,
judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the
Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support hearing
officer provides a written statement that the general
magistrate, special magistrate, judge of compensation claims,
administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative
Hearings, or child support hearing officer has made reasonable
efforts to protect such information from being accessible
through other means available to the public.

f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
and photographs of current or former human resource, labor
relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,
managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency
or water management district whose duties include hiring and
firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or
other personnel-related duties; 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.

g. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,
and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;
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.

h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.820; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of 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, if the guardian ad litem provides a written statement that the guardian ad litem has made reasonable efforts to protect such information from being accessible through other means available to the public.

i. 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.

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

(II) The names of the spouses and children of the specified agency personnel identified in sub-sub-subparagraph (I) are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, 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 if the investigator or inspector has made reasonable efforts to protect such information from being accessible through other means available to the public. 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, 2017, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

1. The home addresses and telephone numbers of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, 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 if the county tax collector has made reasonable efforts to protect such information from being accessible through other means available to the public. 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, 2017, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

m. 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 if the personnel have made reasonable
efforts to protect such information from being accessible
through other means available to the public. This sub-
paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act
in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October
2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
reenactment by the Legislature.

n. 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
exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
Constitution if a consultant or employee has made reasonable
efforts to protect such information from being accessible
through other means available to the public. This sub-
paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act
in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October
2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through
reenactment by the Legislature.
The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former emergency medical technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution if the emergency medical technicians or paramedics have made reasonable efforts to protect such information from being accessible through other means available to the public.

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, 2021, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

3. 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 subparagraph 2. shall maintain the exempt status of that information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written request for maintenance of the exemption to the custodial agency.

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

5. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this paragraph, this paragraph is subject to the Open Government
Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2017, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to exempt from public records requirements the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers’ compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; 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. The efforts of such personnel can lead to arrests and prosecutions for crimes up to and including first degree felony violations and can also result in the loss of commerce and property, the assessment of monetary fines, or the suspension or loss of professional licenses. The department has documented numerous instances of personnel who have been threatened and who have feared repercussions as a result of carrying out their duties. These threats have included weapons being brandished, verbal threats made to harm them or their family members, harassment, and intimidation. The Legislature finds that the release of such personal identifying and location information might place these nonsworn investigative personnel of the department and their family members in danger of physical and emotional harm from disgruntled individuals who have contentious reactions to
actions taken by such personnel, or whose business or
professional practices have come under the scrutiny of such
personnel. The Legislature further 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 the disclosure of the information.

Section 3. The Legislature finds that it is a public
necessity that the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of
birth, and photographs of current or former emergency medical
technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401, Florida
Statutes; that the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, and
places of employment of the spouses and children of such
emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and that the names
and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the
children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics be
exempt from public records requirements if the emergency medical
technicians or paramedics have made reasonable efforts to
protect such information from being accessible through other
means available to the public. Emergency medical technicians or
paramedics are public safety officers whose duties as first
responders to accidents and life-threatening events often place
them in traumatic circumstances in which loss of life and severe
bodily injuries have occurred. They often deal with violent,
angry, or mentally unstable individuals. As a result, the
Legislature finds that release of identifying and location
information of emergency medical technicians or paramedics
certified under chapter 401, Florida Statutes, or the spouses
and children of such emergency medical technicians or
paramedics, could place them in danger of being physically or
emotionally harmed or stalked by a person who has a hostile
reaction to his or her encounter with such emergency medical
technicians or paramedics. The Legislature further finds that
the harm that may result from the release of such identifying
and location information outweighs any public benefit that may
be derived from the disclosure of the information.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.