THE FLORIDA SENATE 2023 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Agriculture

CS/HB 1215 — Pub. Rec./Inspectors and Investigators/DACS

by Ethics, Elections and Open Government Subcommittee and Rep. Maggard and others (CS/SB 1166 by Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and Senator Collins)

The bill exempts from public records copying and inspection requirements of certain personal identifying information of current or former inspectors or investigators of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Personal Identifying information relating to their spouses and children is likewise exempt. The specific information made exempt from public records disclosure requirements includes:

- Home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current and former inspectors and investigators;
- Names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children; and
- Names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children.

The bill provides a statement of public necessity as required by the State Constitution.

The exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 39-1: House 114-1

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