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 ${\bf By}$ the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Senator Campbell

302-2641-04 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; creating an exemption from 3 4 public-records requirements; providing for the 5 confidentiality of personal identifying б information contained in records of current or 7 former personnel of a crime laboratory or 8 medical examiner's office and their spouses and 9 children; providing for future repeal and 10 legislative review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing a 11 12 statement of public necessity; providing an 13 effective date. 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 17 Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section 18 119.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of 19 records; exemptions. --20 21 (3) 22 (i)1. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social 23 security numbers, and photographs of active or former law enforcement personnel, including correctional and correctional 2.4 probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children 25 and Family Services whose duties include the investigation of 26 27 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal 2.8 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties 29 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local 30 governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection 31 1

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1 and enforcement or child support enforcement; the home 2 addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and 3 children of such personnel; and the names and locations of 4 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of 5 б such personnel are exempt from the provisions of subsection 7 (1). The home addresses, telephone numbers, and photographs of firefighters certified in compliance with s. 633.35; the home 8 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, and places of 9 10 employment of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities 11 12 attended by the children of such firefighters are exempt from 13 subsection (1). The home addresses and telephone numbers of justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal 14 judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; the 15 home addresses, telephone numbers, and places of employment of 16 17 the spouses and children of justices and judges; and the names 18 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of justices and judges are exempt from the 19 provisions of subsection (1). The home addresses, telephone 20 21 numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of current 22 or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, 23 statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, 2.4 25 photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state 26 27 attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide 2.8 prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools and day 29 care facilities attended by the children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide 30 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt 31

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1 from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 2 Constitution. 3 2. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of current or former human 4 resource, labor relations, or employee relations directors, 5 6 assistant directors, managers, or assistant managers of any 7 local government agency or water management district whose 8 duties include hiring and firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or other personnel-related 9 duties; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, social 10 security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the 11 12 spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and 13 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from subsection (1) and 14 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph 15 is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in 16 17 accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 18 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. 19 3. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social 20 21 security numbers, and photographs of current or former code 22 enforcement officers; the names, home addresses, telephone 23 numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and 2.4 the names and locations of schools and day care facilities 25 26 attended by the children of such persons are exempt from 27 subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. 2.8 This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset 29 Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved 30 from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. 31 3

1	4.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social
2	security numbers, and photographs of current or former
3	personnel of a crime laboratory or medical examiner's office;
4	the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, social security
5	numbers, photographs, and places of employment of spouses and
6	children of current or former personnel of a crime laboratory
7	or medical examiner's office; and the names and locations of
	schools and day care facilities attended by children of
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9	current or former personnel of a crime laboratory or medical
10	examiner's office are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a),
11	Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this
12	sub-subparagraph, personnel of a crime laboratory or medical
13	examiner's office are defined as personnel whose primary
14	duties or responsibilities include performing laboratory and
15	analytical work in criminal identification and investigation;
16	photographing crime scenes; classifying, evaluating, and
17	identifying fingerprints; or supervising one or more persons
18	who have those duties or responsibilities.
19	b. Sub-subparagraph a. is subject to the Open
20	<u>Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s.</u>
21	119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2009, unless
22	reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
23	Legislature.
24	5.4. An agency that is the custodian of the personal
25	information specified in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or
26	subparagraph 3., or subparagraph 4. and that is not the
27	employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other
28	person specified in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or
29	subparagraph 3., or subparagraph 4. shall maintain the
30	confidentiality of the personal information only if the
31	officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing
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1 agency of the designated employee submits a written request 2 for confidentiality to the custodial agency. Section 2. The Legislature finds that the exemption 3 4 from public-records requirements provided by this act for 5 identifying information relating to current and former 6 personnel of a crime laboratory or medical examiner's office 7 and their families is a public necessity. Personnel of a crime laboratory or medical examiner's office are often called upon 8 to provide their professional opinion regarding the manner of 9 10 death of a victim of crime. The opinions they render may lead to the conviction of the accused, which leads to the accused's 11 12 incarceration or execution. As a result, the current and 13 former personnel could be targeted for revenge by the family or friends of the person who was convicted. Further, persons 14 who might seek revenge against current or former personnel of 15 a crime laboratory or medical examine's office could also 16 17 target the family members of these personnel. If identifying 18 information of current or former personnel of a crime laboratory or medical examiner's office or their family 19 members is not made exempt from public-records requirements, 2.0 21 it would be much easier for persons with an intent to seek 2.2 revenge to locate these personnel and their families and cause 23 them harm. Thus, the Legislature finds that it is a public necessity to exempt from disclosure the home addresses, 2.4 telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of 25 current and former personnel of a crime laboratory or medical 26 27 examiner's office; the names, home addresses, telephone 2.8 numbers, social security numbers, photographs, and places of employment of their spouses and children; and the names and 29 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the 30 children of such personnel. 31

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1	Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2004.
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3	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
4	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>SB 1460</u>
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6	Modifies the statement of public necessity to explicate the reasoning in support of the exemption.
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