1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to public records; amending s.
3	119.07, F.S.; creating an exemption from
4	public-records requirements; providing for the
5	confidentiality of personal identifying
6	information contained in records for United
7	States attorneys, assistant United States
8	attorneys, judges of the United States Courts
9	of Appeal, United States district judges,
10	United States magistrate judges, and their
11	spouses and children; providing for future
12	repeal and legislative review under the Open
13	Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing
14	a statement of public necessity; amending s.
15	119.07, F.S.; providing an exemption from
16	public records requirements for social security
17	numbers of agency employees upon written
18	request; providing for an exception to the
19	exemption; providing for future review and
20	repeal; providing a statement of public
21	necessity; providing an effective date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section
26	119.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
27	119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of
28	records; exemptions
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30	(i)1. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social
31	security numbers, and photographs of active or former law

enforcement personnel, including correctional and correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children and Family Services whose duties include the investigation of 3 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal 4 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties 5 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, 6 and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local 8 governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection 9 and enforcement or child support enforcement; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, 10 photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and 11 children of such personnel; and the names and locations of 12 13 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of 14 such personnel are exempt from the provisions of subsection (1). The home addresses, telephone numbers, and photographs of 15 firefighters certified in compliance with s. 633.35; the home 16 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, and places of 17 employment of the spouses and children of such firefighters; 19 and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such firefighters are exempt from 20 subsection (1). The home addresses and telephone numbers of 21 22 justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal 23 judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; the 24 home addresses, telephone numbers, and places of employment of the spouses and children of justices and judges; and the names 25 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by 26 the children of justices and judges are exempt from the 27 28 provisions of subsection (1). The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, 30 31 statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; the

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home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, 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 subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, 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, social security numbers, photographs, 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 subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

3. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, and photographs of current or former United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers,

photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys; and the names and locations 3 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of 4 current or former United States attorneys and assistant United 5 States attorneys are exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), 6 7 Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject 8 to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance 9 with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2009, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by 10 the Legislature. 11 4. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social 12 13 security numbers, and photographs of current or former judges 14 of United States Courts of Appeal, United States district judges, and United States magistrate judges; the home 15 addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, 16 photographs, and places of employment of the spouses and 17 18 children of current or former judges of United States Courts 19 of Appeal, United States district judges, and United States magistrate judges; and the names and locations of schools and 20 day care facilities attended by the children of current or 2.1 22 former judges of United States Courts of Appeal, United States 23 district judges, and United States magistrate judges are 24 exempt from subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject to the Open 2.5 Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 26 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2009, unless 2.7 28 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the 29 Legislature. 5.3. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social 30

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enforcement officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, 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 subsection (1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2006, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

6.4. An agency that is the custodian of the personal information specified in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3., subparagraph 4., or subparagraph 5., and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in subparagraph 1., subparagraph 2., or subparagraph 3., subparagraph 4., or subparagraph 5., shall maintain the confidentiality of the personal information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written request for confidentiality to the custodial agency.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that the exemption from public-records requirements provided for by this act for identifying and locating information relating to current and former United States attorneys, assistant United States attorneys, judges of the United States Courts of Appeal, United States district judges, United States magistrate judges, and their families is a public necessity. Current and former United States attorneys, assistant United States attorneys, judges of the United States Courts of Appeal, United States district judges, and United States magistrate judges interact with accused and convicted criminals every day

of their careers. The capacity in which they deal with the accused and the convicted does not create good will among the accused, the convicted, their associates, or their families. 3 United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys 4 determine the severity of the charges brought, file charges 5 against the accused, and prosecute alleged criminals every 6 7 day. Further, current and former judges of the United States 8 Courts of Appeal, United States district judges, and United 9 States magistrate judges make rulings during trials, impose sentences on the convicted, or review cases from other courts. 10 As such, the duties of these current or former attorneys and 11 judges do not create good will among the accused, the 12 convicted, their associates, and families, and make those 13 federal attorneys and judges potential targets for acts of 14 revenge. Further, their duties make their spouses and children 15 potential targets for acts of revenge. If identifying or 16 location information were available, the safety and welfare of 17 18 federal attorneys and judges, and their spouses and children, could be seriously jeopardized. Accordingly, it is a public 19 necessity that identifying and personal information be made 20 exempt. Thus, the Legislature finds there to be a public 2.1 22 necessity to protect identifying and locating information of 23 current and former United States attorneys and assistant 24 United States attorneys, judges of the United States Courts of Appeal, United States district judges, and United States 2.5 magistrate judges, and their spouses and children. 26 Section 3. Paragraph (x) of subsection (3) of section 2.7 28 119.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 29 119.07 Inspection, examination, and duplication of 30 records; exemptions. --(3) 31

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(x)1. The social security numbers of all current and
former agency employees which numbers are contained in agency
employment records are exempt from subsection (1) and exempt
from s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. As used in
this paragraph, the term "agency" means an agency as defined
in s. 119.011.

2. An agency that is the custodian of a social
security number specified in subparagraph 1, and that is not

security number specified in subparagraph 1. and that is not the employing agency shall maintain the exempt status of the social security number only if the employee or the employing agency of the employee submits a written request for confidentiality to the custodial agency. However, upon a request by a commercial entity as provided in s. 119.0721 the custodial agency shall release the last four digits of the exempt social security number, except that a social security number provided in a lien filed with the Department of State shall be released in its entirety. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2009, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 4. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that social security numbers of agency employees held by an agency be made exempt from public disclosure. The Legislature also finds that it is no longer a necessity to allow commercial entities access to complete social security numbers of agency employees if the employee or the employing agency of that employee has submitted a written request for confidentiality of his or her social security number.

Commercial entities have cited a number of reasons for needing access to the complete social security numbers of agency

employees when held by government agencies. The prevailing needs are for commercial entity verification of the accuracy of personal information received by such entity and for 3 commercial entity use in matching, verifying, or retrieving 4 information. A commercial entity can continue to verify the 5 accuracy of personal information received using only the last 6 7 four digits of social security numbers of agency employees. A 8 commercial entity can also continue matching, verifying, or 9 retrieving information utilizing the last four digits of such numbers. Additionally, commercial entities are still provided 10 access to complete social security numbers of agency employees 11 provided in a lien filed with the Department of State. The 12 13 social security number is not the only source of information a 14 business can utilize for such purposes. Commercial entities can also use an employee's date of birth or maiden name for 15 matching, verifying, or retrieving information regarding an 16 17 individual. As such, a commercial entity's performance will 18 not be hampered if access to social security numbers is 19 limited to the last four digits of such employee's social security number. Further, social security numbers are of a 20 sensitive personal nature and are often the link to an 2.1 22 individual's personal, financial, medical, or familial 23 records. It is the only nationwide, unique numeric form of 24 identification in existence in the United States. Commercial entity access to such numbers in their entirety could lead to 2.5 misuse of those numbers. Such misuse could lead to increased 2.6 opportunities of fraud and identity theft. As such, the 2.7 28 Legislature finds that the harm from disclosing to commercial 29 entities complete social security numbers of agency employees 30 who have requested confidentiality of such numbers outweighs any public benefit that can be derived from commercial entity

1	access to such numbers, as opposed to access that is
2	restricted to the final four digits of such social security
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4	Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.
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