By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 39.0132, F.S., relating to an exemption from public-records requirements for information held by guardians ad litem; saving the exemption from repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; deleting provisions providing for repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 39.0132, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39.0132 Oaths, records, and confidential information.

(4) (a) 1. All information obtained pursuant to this part in the discharge of official duty by any judge, employee of the court, authorized agent of the department, correctional probation officer, or law enforcement agent is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and may not be disclosed to anyone other than the authorized personnel of the court, the department and its designees, correctional probation officers, law enforcement agents, guardian ad litem, and others entitled under this chapter to receive that information, except upon order of

the court.

2. Any information related to the best interests of a child, as determined by a guardian ad litem, which is held by a guardian ad litem, including but not limited to medical, mental health, substance abuse, child care, education, law enforcement, court, social services, and financial records; and any other

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information maintained by a guardian ad litem which is identified as confidential information under this chapter; is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Such confidential and exempt information may not be disclosed to anyone other than the authorized personnel of the court, the department and its designees, correctional probation officers, law enforcement agents, guardians ad litem, and others entitled under this chapter to receive that information, except upon order of the court. This subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2010, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2010.