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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Diaz de la Portilla) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 409.1678,  
Florida Statutes, to read:

409.1678 Safe harbor for children who are victims of sexual  
exploitation.—

(5) (a) Information held by an agency as defined in s.  
119.011 about the location of safe houses and safe foster homes



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11 is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art.  
12 I of the State Constitution.

13 (b) Information about the location of safe houses and safe  
14 foster homes may be provided to an agency, as defined in s.  
15 119.011, as necessary to maintain health and safety standards  
16 and to address emergency situations in the safe house and safe  
17 foster home.

18 (c) This subsection is subject to the Open Government  
19 Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand  
20 repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from  
21 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

22 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
23 necessity that information about the location of safe houses and  
24 safe foster homes held by an agency, as defined in s. 119.011,  
25 Florida Statutes, be made confidential and exempt from s.  
26 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the  
27 State Constitution. Safe houses and safe foster homes are  
28 intended as refuges for sexually exploited victims from those  
29 who exploited them. If the individuals who victimized these  
30 people were able to learn the location of such safe houses, they  
31 may attempt to contact their victims, exploit their  
32 vulnerabilities, and return them to the situations in which they  
33 were victimized. Even without the return of these victims to  
34 their former situations, additional contact with those who  
35 victimized them would have the effect of continuing their  
36 victimization and inhibiting their recoveries. Additionally,  
37 knowledge about the location of safe houses and safe foster  
38 homes could enable other individuals to locate and attempt to  
39 victimize the residents. Therefore, it is the finding of the



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40 Legislature that such information must be made confidential and  
41 exempt from public disclosure.

42 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that  
43 SB 1440 or similar legislation relating to human trafficking  
44 takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same  
45 legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law.

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47 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

48 And the title is amended as follows:

49 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
50 and insert:

51 A bill to be entitled  
52 An act relating to public records; amending s.  
53 409.1678, F.S.; providing an exemption from public  
54 records requirements for information about the  
55 location of safe houses and safe foster homes held by  
56 an agency; providing for future legislative review and  
57 repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of  
58 public necessity; providing a contingent effective  
59 date.