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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Education (Montford) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. (1) Personal identifying information of a person employed by, under contract with, or volunteering for a public research facility, including a state university, that conducts animal research or is engaged in activities related to animal research, is exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution, when such information is contained in the following records:



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12 (a) Animal records, including animal care and treatment
13 records.

14 (b) Research protocols and approvals.

15 (c) Purchasing, funding, and billing records related to
16 animal research or activities.

17 (d) Animal care and use committee records.

18 (e) Facility and laboratory records related to animal
19 research or activities.

20 (2) This exemption applies to personal identifying
21 information as described in subsection (1) held by a public
22 research facility, including a state university, before, on, or
23 after the effective date of this exemption.

24 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
25 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15, Florida Statutes, and
26 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2019, unless reviewed and
27 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

28 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
29 necessity that personal identifying information of a person who
30 is employed by, under contract with, or volunteering for a
31 public research facility, including a state university, that
32 conducts animal research or is engaged in activities related to
33 animal research, be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida
34 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The
35 Legislature also finds that it is a public necessity that this
36 exemption apply to such personal identifying information held by
37 a public research facility, including a state university,
38 before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption. The
39 Legislature finds that the release of such personal identifying
40 information will place such persons in danger of threats and



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41 harassment as well as physical and emotional harm from those who
42 advocate against such research. University employees have been
43 harassed and threatened after animal care records that included
44 their personal identifying information were disclosed pursuant
45 to public records requests. Thus, the Legislature finds that the
46 harm and threat to such persons' safety which results from the
47 release of personal identifying information in records about the
48 animals or about the animal research outweighs any public
49 benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of the
50 information. The public research facilities, including state
51 universities, remain responsible and accountable for the animal
52 research conducted at their institutions.

53 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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56 And the title is amended as follows:

57 Delete everything before the enacting clause
58 and insert:

59 A bill to be entitled
60 An act relating to public records; providing an
61 exemption from public records requirements for
62 personal identifying information of certain animal
63 researchers at public research facilities, including
64 state universities; providing for retroactive
65 applicability of the exemption; providing for future
66 legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
67 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
68 an effective date.