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House

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/21/2017

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Young) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (2) of section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:

119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records.-

(2) AGENCY INVESTIGATIONS.-

(m) Personal identifying information of the alleged victim

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11	in an allegation of sexual harassment is confidential and exempt
12	from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
13	Constitution. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government
14	Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand
15	repealed on October 2, 2022, unless reviewed and saved from
16	repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.
17	Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
18	necessity that personal identifying information of the alleged
19	victim in an allegation of sexual harassment be made
20	confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and
21	s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The disclosure of
22	such information could harm alleged victims by placing them at
23	risk of further harassment and retaliation. Additionally, the
24	potential for disclosure of such information could create a
25	disincentive for victims to report instances of harassment. The
26	Legislature finds that the potential harm that may result from
27	the release of such information outweighs any public benefit
28	that may be derived from the disclosure of such information.
29	Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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31	========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ==============
32	And the title is amended as follows:
33	Delete everything before the enacting clause
34	and insert:
35	A bill to be entitled
36	An act relating to public records; amending s.
37	119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
38	records requirements for personal identifying
39	information of the alleged victim in an allegation of

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40 sexual harassment; providing for future legislative 41 review and repeal of the exemption; providing a 42 statement of public necessity; providing an effective 43 date.