A bill to be entitled
An act relating to public records; amending s. 97.0585, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for information concerning preregistered voter registration applicants who are minors; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing for retroactive application; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 97.0585, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (3) of that section is reenacted, to read:

97.0585 Public records exemption; information regarding voters and voter registration; confidentiality.—

(1) The following information held by an agency, as defined in s. 119.011, and obtained for the purpose of voter registration is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution and may be used only for purposes of voter registration:

(a) All declinations to register to vote made pursuant to ss. 97.057 and 97.058.

(b) Information relating to the place where a person

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registered to vote or where a person updated a voter registration.

(c) The social security number, driver license number, and Florida identification number of a voter registration applicant or voter.

(d) All information concerning preregistered voter registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2024, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

(3) This section applies to information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of this exemption.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that all information concerning preregistered voter registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age which is held by an agency, and obtained for the purpose of voter registration, be confidential and exempt from public records requirements and be used only for purposes of voter registration. Information concerning preregistered voter registration applicants who are 16 or 17 years of age could be misused if released. Minors are more vulnerable members of society, and the widespread release of information acquired through preregistration activities may be used to solicit, harass, stalk, or intimidate such individuals. Without such
protection, a minor may be less likely to take advantage of preregistering to vote, thus hindering the effective and efficient administration of a program that otherwise encourages greater participation in the democratic process.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.