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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability  
(Wright) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 55 - 85

and insert:

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public  
necessity to make identification and location information of  
current or former members of the Armed Forces of the United  
States, a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United  
States, or the National Guard, who served after September 11,  
2001, and their spouses and dependents, exempt from s.



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11 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the  
12 State Constitution, regardless of whether such individuals made  
13 reasonable efforts to protect such information from being  
14 public. Servicemembers perform among the most critical, most  
15 effective, and most dangerous operations in defense of our  
16 nation's freedom. Terrorist groups continue to threaten  
17 servicemembers and their families and encourage terrorist  
18 sympathizers to harm servicemembers and their families within  
19 the United States. The Legislature finds that allowing public  
20 access to the identification and location information of current  
21 or former servicemembers and their families jeopardizes the  
22 safety of servicemembers, their spouses, and their dependents.  
23 The Legislature finds that protecting the safety and security of  
24 current or former members of the Armed Forces of the United  
25 States, a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United  
26 States, or the National Guard, who served after September 11,  
27 2001, and their spouses and dependents, outweighs any public  
28 benefit that may be derived from the public disclosure of the  
29 identification and location information.