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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Insurance & Banking Subcommittee Representative Barnaby offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert: 7 Section 1. Present subsections (5) through (13) of section 8 655.057, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (6) 9 through (14), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to 10 that section, to read:655.057 Records; limited restrictions 11 upon public access.—

12 (5) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and 13 except for those portions that are otherwise public record, the 14 following information received by the office pursuant to an

15 application for authority to organize a new state bank or new

16 <u>state trust company under chapter 658 is confidential and exempt</u> 928623 - h0085-strike.docx

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17	from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
18	Constitution:
19	1. Personal financial information.
20	2. A driver license number, a passport number, a military
21	identification number, or any other number or code issued on a
22	government document used to verify identity.
23	3. Books and records of a current or proposed financial
24	institution.
25	4. The proposed state bank's or proposed state trust
26	company's proposed business plan.
27	(b) The personal identifying information of a proposed
28	officer or proposed director who is currently employed by, or
29	actively participates in the affairs of, another financial
30	institution received by the office pursuant to an application
31	for authority to organize a new state bank or new state trust
32	company under chapter 658 is confidential and exempt from s.
33	119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until
34	the application is approved and the charter is issued. As used
35	in this paragraph, the term "personal identifying information"
36	means names, home addresses, e-mail addresses, telephone
37	numbers, names of relatives, work experience, professional
38	licensing and educational backgrounds, and photographs.
39	(c) This subsection is subject to the Open Government
40	Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and is repealed

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41	October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through	
42	reenactment by the Legislature.	
43	Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity	
44	that certain information received by the Office of Financial	
45	Regulation pursuant to an application for authority to organize	
46	a new state bank or new state trust company under chapter 658,	
47	Florida Statutes, be made confidential and exempt from s.	
48	119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the	
49	State Constitution to the extent that disclosure would reveal	
50	personal financial information; reveal a driver license number,	
51	a passport number, a military identification number, or any	
52	other number or code issued on a government document used to	
53	verify identity; reveal books and records of a current or	
54	proposed financial institution; or reveal a proposed state	
55	bank's or proposed state trust company's business plan and any	
56	attached supporting documentation. The Legislature further finds	
57	that it is a public necessity that the personal identifying	
58	information of a proposed officer or proposed director who is	
59	currently employed by, or actively participates in the affairs	
60	of, another financial institution be made confidential and	
61	exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),	
62	Article I of the State Constitution for the duration of the	
63	application process, until the application is approved and a	
64	charter is issued. The office may receive sensitive personal,	
65	financial, and business information in conjunction with its	
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66 duties related to the review of applications for the 67 organization or establishment of new state banks and new state 68 trust companies. These exemptions from public records 69 requirements are necessary to ensure the office's ability to 70 administer its regulatory duties while preventing unwarranted 71 damage to the proposed state bank or proposed state trust 72 company, or certain proposed officers or proposed directors of 73 the proposed state bank or proposed state trust company, and 74 other financial institutions in this state. The release of 75 information that could lead to the identification of an 76 individual involved in the potential establishment of a new 77 state bank or new state trust company may subject such 78 individual to retribution and jeopardize his or her current 79 employment with, or participation in the affairs of, another financial institution. Thus, the public availability of such 80 81 information has a chilling effect on the establishment of new 82 state banks and new state trust companies. Further, the public availability of the books and financial records of a current or 83 84 proposed financial institution in this state presents an 85 unnecessary risk of harm to the business operations of such institution. Finally, the public availability of a proposed 86 87 state bank's or proposed state trust company's business plan may 88 cause competitive harm to such bank's or trust company's future business operations and presents an unfair competitive advantage 89

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90	for existing financial institutions that are not required to
91	release such information.
92	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.
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95	TITLE AMENDMENT
96	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
97	An act relating to public records; amending s. 655.057, F.S.;
98	providing an exemption from public records requirements for
99	certain information received by the Office of Financial
100	Regulation relating to an application for authority to organize
101	a new state bank or new state trust company; providing an
102	exemption from public records requirements for certain
103	information received by the office relating to an application
104	for authority to organize a new state bank or new state trust
105	company until specified conditions are met; defining the term
106	"personal identifying information"; providing for future
107	legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a
108	statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.
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