

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2     An act relating to public records; amending s.  
3     119.071, F.S.; defining terms; providing exemptions  
4     from public records requirements for the partial home  
5     addresses and telephone numbers of current  
6     congressional members and public officers and their  
7     spouses and adult children and the names, home  
8     addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of birth of,  
9     and the names and locations of schools and day care  
10    facilities attended by, the minor children of such  
11    congressional members and public officers; providing  
12    for future legislative review and repeal of the  
13    exemptions; providing methods for maintenance of an  
14    exemption; providing for retroactive application of  
15    the exemptions; providing a statement of public  
16    necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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20       **Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section**  
21 **119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

22       119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of  
23 public records.—

24       (4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

25       (d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

26           a. "Home addresses" means the dwelling location at which  
27 an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing  
28 address, street address, parcel identification number, plot  
29 identification number, legal property description, neighborhood  
30 name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive  
31 property information that may reveal the home address.

32           b. "Judicial assistant" means a court employee assigned to  
33 the following class codes: 8140, 8150, 8310, and 8320.

34           c. "Telephone numbers" includes home telephone numbers,  
35 personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone  
36 numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal  
37 communications devices.

38           2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of  
39 birth, and photographs of active or former sworn law enforcement  
40 personnel or of active or former civilian personnel employed by  
41 a law enforcement agency, including correctional and  
42 correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of  
43 Children and Families whose duties include the investigation of  
44 abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal  
45 activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties  
46 are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and  
47 personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments  
48 whose responsibilities include revenue collection and  
49 enforcement or child support enforcement; the names, home  
50 addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and

51 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
52 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
53 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
54 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
55 Constitution.

56       b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
57 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
58 personnel of the Department of Financial Services whose duties  
59 include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation  
60 coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal  
61 activities, or state regulatory requirement violations; the  
62 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
63 places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
64 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
65 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
66 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
67 Constitution.

68       c. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
69 and photographs of current or former nonsworn investigative  
70 personnel of the Office of Financial Regulation's Bureau of  
71 Financial Investigations whose duties include the investigation  
72 of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state  
73 regulatory requirement violations; the names, home addresses,  
74 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
75 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and

76 | locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
77 | children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
78 | 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

79 |       d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
80 | and photographs of current or former firefighters certified in  
81 | compliance with s. 633.408; the names, home addresses, telephone  
82 | numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment  
83 | of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names  
84 | and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
85 | children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
86 | s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

87 |       e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
88 | numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court,  
89 | district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and  
90 | county court judges and current judicial assistants; the names,  
91 | home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
92 | employment of the spouses and children of current or former  
93 | justices and judges and current judicial assistants; and the  
94 | names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
95 | by the children of current or former justices and judges and  
96 | current judicial assistants are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
97 | 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph  
98 | is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in  
99 | accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2,  
100 | 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment

101 by the Legislature.

102       f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
103 and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant  
104 state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide  
105 prosecutors; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
106 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
107 spouses and children of current or former state attorneys,  
108 assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant  
109 statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools  
110 and day care facilities attended by the children of current or  
111 former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide  
112 prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from  
113 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

114       g. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone  
115 numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of  
116 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division  
117 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement  
118 hearing officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
119 dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and  
120 children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of  
121 compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division  
122 of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement  
123 hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day  
124 care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates,  
125 special magistrates, judges of compensation claims,

126 administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative  
127 Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are  
128 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
129 Constitution.

130       h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
131 and photographs of current or former human resource, labor  
132 relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors,  
133 managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency  
134 or water management district whose duties include hiring and  
135 firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or  
136 other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses,  
137 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
138 the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and  
139 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
140 children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
141 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

142       i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
143 and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers;  
144 the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
145 and places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
146 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
147 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
148 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
149 Constitution.

150       j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of

151 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
152 guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.01; the names, home  
153 addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of  
154 employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the  
155 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
156 by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
157 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

158 k. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
159 and photographs of current or former juvenile probation  
160 officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention  
161 superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile  
162 justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention  
163 officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers,  
164 juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II,  
165 juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor  
166 supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior  
167 human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation  
168 therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of  
169 Juvenile Justice; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
170 dates of birth, and places of employment of spouses and children  
171 of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and  
172 day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel  
173 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
174 Constitution.

175 1. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,

176 and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant  
177 public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel,  
178 and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel; the  
179 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
180 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
181 former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal  
182 conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal  
183 conflict and civil regional counsel; and the names and locations  
184 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
185 current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders,  
186 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant  
187 criminal conflict and civil regional counsel are exempt from s.  
188 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

189       m. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
190 and photographs of current or former investigators or inspectors  
191 of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; the  
192 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
193 places of employment of the spouses and children of such current  
194 or former investigators and inspectors; and the names and  
195 locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
196 children of such current or former investigators and inspectors  
197 are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
198 Constitution.

199       n. The home addresses, telephone numbers, and dates of  
200 birth of county tax collectors; the names, home addresses,



201 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of  
202 the spouses and children of such tax collectors; and the names  
203 and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
204 children of such tax collectors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and  
205 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

206       o. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
207 and photographs of current or former personnel of the Department  
208 of Health whose duties include, or result in, the determination  
209 or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability  
210 benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed  
211 against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health  
212 care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the  
213 Department of Health; the names, home addresses, telephone  
214 numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses  
215 and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of  
216 schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such  
217 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of  
218 the State Constitution.

219       p. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
220 and photographs of current or former impaired practitioner  
221 consultants who are retained by an agency or current or former  
222 employees of an impaired practitioner consultant whose duties  
223 result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to  
224 practice a licensed profession; the names, home addresses,  
225 telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of

the spouses and children of such consultants or their employees;  
and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities  
attended by the children of such consultants or employees are  
exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
Constitution.

q. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
and photographs of current or former emergency medical  
technicians or paramedics certified under chapter 401; the  
names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
places of employment of the spouses and children of such  
emergency medical technicians or paramedics; and the names and  
locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the  
children of such emergency medical technicians or paramedics are  
exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
Constitution.

r. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
and photographs of current or former personnel employed in an  
agency's office of inspector general or internal audit  
department whose duties include auditing or investigating waste,  
fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that  
could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline;  
the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
and places of employment of spouses and children of such  
personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt

from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

s. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former directors, managers, supervisors, nurses, and clinical employees of an addiction treatment facility; the home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. For purposes of this sub-subparagraph, the term "addiction treatment facility" means a county government, or agency thereof, that is licensed pursuant to s. 397.401 and provides substance abuse prevention, intervention, or clinical treatment, including any licensed service component described in s. 397.311(27).

t. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former directors, managers, supervisors, and clinical employees of a child advocacy center that meets the standards of s. 39.3035(2) and fulfills the screening requirement of s. 39.3035(3), and the members of a Child Protection Team as described in s. 39.303 whose duties include supporting the investigation of child abuse or sexual abuse, child abandonment, child neglect, and child exploitation or to provide services as part of a multidisciplinary case

276 review team; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers,  
277 photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the  
278 spouses and children of such personnel and members; and the  
279 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
280 by the children of such personnel and members are exempt from s.  
281 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

282 u. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of  
283 employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former  
284 staff and domestic violence advocates, as defined in s.  
285 90.5036(1)(b), of domestic violence centers certified by the  
286 Department of Children and Families under chapter 39; the names,  
287 home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates  
288 of birth, and photographs of the spouses and children of such  
289 personnel; and the names and locations of schools and day care  
290 facilities attended by the children of such personnel are exempt  
291 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
292 Constitution.

293 v. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
294 and photographs of current or former inspectors or investigators  
295 of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; the  
296 names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and  
297 places of employment of the spouses and children of current or  
298 former inspectors or investigators; and the names and locations  
299 of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of  
300 current or former inspectors or investigators are exempt from s.

119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2028, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

w. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, and deputy city attorneys are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to a county attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney who qualifies as a candidate for election to public office. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from

326 repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

327       x. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
328 and photographs of current or former commissioners of the  
329 Florida Gaming Control Commission; the names, home addresses,  
330 telephone numbers, dates of birth, photographs, and places of  
331 employment of the spouses and children of such current or former  
332 commissioners; and the names and locations of schools and day  
333 care facilities attended by the children of such current or  
334 former commissioners are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a),  
335 Art. I of the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is  
336 subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance  
337 with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029,  
338 unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the  
339 Legislature.

340       y. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth,  
341 and photographs of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
342 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
343 personnel; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates  
344 of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children  
345 of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy clerks of the  
346 circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court personnel; and the  
347 names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended  
348 by the children of current clerks of the circuit court, deputy  
349 clerks of the circuit court, and clerk of the circuit court  
350 personnel are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of

the State Constitution. This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

z.(I) As used in this sub-subparagraph, the term:

(A) "Congressional member" means a person who is elected to serve as a member of the United States House of Representatives or who is elected or appointed to serve as a member of the United States Senate.

(B) "Partial home address" means the dwelling location at which an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing address, street address, parcel identification number, plot identification number, legal property description, neighborhood name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive property information that may reveal the partial home address, except for the city and zip code.

(C) "Public officer" means a person who holds one of the following offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Financial Officer, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, state representative, state senator, property appraiser, supervisor of elections, school superintendent, school board member, mayor, city commissioner, or county commissioner.

(II) The following information is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

(A) The partial home addresses of a current congressional

376 member or public officer and his or her spouse or adult child.

377 (B) The telephone numbers of a current congressional  
378 member or public officer and his or her spouse or adult child.

379 (C) The name, home addresses, telephone numbers, and date  
380 of birth of a minor child of a current congressional member or  
381 public officer and the name and location of the school or day  
382 care facility attended by the minor child.

383 (III) This sub-subparagraph is subject to the Open  
384 Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and  
385 shall stand repealed on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and  
386 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

387 3.a. An agency that is the custodian of the information  
388 specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the  
389 officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in  
390 subparagraph 2. must maintain the exempt status of that  
391 information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other  
392 person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a  
393 written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption  
394 to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the  
395 statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and  
396 confirm the individual's status as a party eligible for exempt  
397 status.

398 b. An agency that is the custodian of information  
399 specified in sub-subparagraph 2.z. and that is not the employer  
400 of the congressional member, public officer, or other person



specified in sub-subparagraph 2.z. must maintain the exempt status of that information only if an individual requests the maintenance of an exemption pursuant to sub-subparagraph 2.z. on the basis of eligibility as a current congressional member or public officer and his or her spouse or child submits, as part of the written and notarized request required by sub-subparagraph a., the date of the congressional member's or public officer's election or appointment to public office, the date on which that office is next subject to election, and, if applicable, the date on which the current congressional member's or public officer's minor child reaches the age of majority. The custodian must maintain an exemption granted pursuant to sub-subparagraph 2.z. until the qualifying conditions for the exemption no longer apply to the person subject to the exemption.

4.a. A county property appraiser, as defined in s. 192.001(3), or a county tax collector, as defined in s. 192.001(4), who receives a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption pursuant to subparagraph 3. must comply by removing the name of the individual with exempt status and the instrument number or Official Records book and page number identifying the property with the exempt status from all publicly available records maintained by the property appraiser or tax collector. For written requests received on or before July 1, 2021, a county property appraiser or county tax

426 collector must comply with this sub-subparagraph by October 1,  
427 2021. A county property appraiser or county tax collector may  
428 not remove the street address, legal description, or other  
429 information identifying real property within the agency's  
430 records so long as a name or personal information otherwise  
431 exempt from inspection and copying pursuant to this section is  
432 not associated with the property or otherwise displayed in the  
433 public records of the agency.

434       b. Any information restricted from public display,  
435 inspection, or copying under sub-subparagraph a. must be  
436 provided to the individual whose information was removed.

437       5. An officer, an employee, a justice, a judge, or other  
438 person specified in subparagraph 2. may submit a written request  
439 for the release of his or her exempt information to the  
440 custodial agency. The written request must be notarized and must  
441 specify the information to be released and the party authorized  
442 to receive the information. Upon receipt of the written request,  
443 the custodial agency must release the specified information to  
444 the party authorized to receive such information.

445       6. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information  
446 held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the  
447 exemption.

448       7. Information made exempt under this paragraph may be  
449 disclosed pursuant to s. 28.2221 to a title insurer authorized  
450 pursuant to s. 624.401 and its affiliates as defined in s.

451 624.10; a title insurance agent or title insurance agency as  
452 defined in s. 626.841(1) or (2), respectively; or an attorney  
453 duly admitted to practice law in this state and in good standing  
454 with The Florida Bar.

455 8. The exempt status of a home address contained in the  
456 Official Records is maintained only during the period when a  
457 protected party resides at the dwelling location. Upon  
458 conveyance of real property after October 1, 2021, and when such  
459 real property no longer constitutes a protected party's home  
460 address as defined in sub-subparagraph 1.a., the protected party  
461 must submit a written request to release the removed information  
462 to the county recorder. The written request to release the  
463 removed information must be notarized, must confirm that a  
464 protected party's request for release is pursuant to a  
465 conveyance of his or her dwelling location, and must specify the  
466 Official Records book and page, instrument number, or clerk's  
467 file number for each document containing the information to be  
468 released.

469 9. Upon the death of a protected party as verified by a  
470 certified copy of a death certificate or court order, any party  
471 can request the county recorder to release a protected  
472 decedent's removed information unless there is a related request  
473 on file with the county recorder for continued removal of the  
474 decedent's information or unless such removal is otherwise  
475 prohibited by statute or by court order. The written request to

476 release the removed information upon the death of a protected  
477 party must attach the certified copy of a death certificate or  
478 court order and must be notarized, must confirm the request for  
479 release is due to the death of a protected party, and must  
480 specify the Official Records book and page number, instrument  
481 number, or clerk's file number for each document containing the  
482 information to be released. A fee may not be charged for the  
483 release of any document pursuant to such request.

484       **Section 2.** The Legislature finds that it is a public  
485 necessity that the partial home addresses and telephone numbers  
486 of current congressional members and public officers and their  
487 spouses and adult children; the names, home addresses, telephone  
488 numbers, and dates of birth of the minor children of such  
489 congressional members and officers; and the names and locations  
490 of schools and day care facilities attended by the minor  
491 children of such congressional members and officers be made  
492 exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),  
493 Article I of the State Constitution. Congressional members and  
494 public officers are often confronted with making difficult and  
495 impactful policy decisions. As a result, congressional members  
496 and public officers and their families may receive threats,  
497 including, but not limited to, verbal threats, harassment, and  
498 intimidation, while carrying out their official duties.  
499 Vulnerability to such threats may discourage residents of this  
500 state from seeking elected office in order to protect themselves

501     and their families. The Legislature further finds that the harm  
502     that may result from the release of such personal identifying  
503     and location information outweighs any public benefit that may  
504     be derived from the disclosure of the information.

505         **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.