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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Rodriguez) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (5) of
section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

(1)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "emergency



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department physician" means a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 whose duties are performed in a hospital emergency department licensed under chapter 395.

2. The home addresses, personal telephone numbers, and dates of birth of current emergency department physicians; the names, home addresses, personal telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children younger than 26 years of age of such emergency department physicians; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children younger than 26 years of age of such emergency department physicians are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

3. The exemption in subparagraph 2. applies to information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of the exemption.

4. An agency that is the custodian of information specified in subparagraph 2. and that is not the employer of the emergency department physician must maintain the exempt status of that information only if the individual requests the maintenance of an exemption under subparagraph 2. on the basis of eligibility as a current emergency department physician or the spouse or child of such emergency department physician and the individual submits a written and notarized request for maintenance of the exemption to the custodial agency. The request must state under oath the statutory basis for the individual's exemption request and confirm the individual's eligibility for the exemption. An individual who has submitted such a request has a duty to withdraw the request if the exemption no longer applies to the individual. If a custodial agency receives a request meeting the



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requirements of this subparagraph, the custodial agency must maintain the exempt status of such information applicable to the individual until the qualifying conditions for the exemption under subparagraph 2. no longer apply to the individual subject to the exemption.

5. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that the home addresses, personal telephone numbers, and dates of birth of current emergency department physicians; the names, home addresses, personal telephone numbers, and places of employment of the spouses and children younger than 26 years of age of such emergency department physicians; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children younger than 26 years of age of such emergency department physicians be made exempt from public records requirements. Emergency department physicians, by the nature of their duties, are often placed in traumatic circumstances in which loss of life and severe bodily injuries have occurred. Such emergency department physicians are particularly vulnerable to physical violence, harassment, and intimidation perpetrated by patients or relatives of patients who can be violent, angry, or mentally unstable. As a result, the Legislature finds that the release of personal identifying and location information of emergency department physicians, or of the spouses and children of such emergency department physicians, could place them in danger of being physically or emotionally harmed or stalked by a



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person who has a hostile reaction to his or her encounter with
such physicians. The Legislature further finds that the harm
that may result from the release of such personal identifying
and location information outweighs any public benefit that may
be derived from the disclosure of the information.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; amending s.
119.071, F.S.; defining the term "emergency department
physician"; providing exemptions from public records
requirements for the personal identifying and location
information of current emergency department physicians
and the spouses and certain children of such emergency
department physicians; providing for retroactive
application of the exemption; requiring certain
agencies that are custodians of the exempt information
to maintain the exempt status of such information
under certain circumstances; specifying procedures for
requesting an agency to maintain the exempt status of
such information; providing that an individual has a
duty to withdraw a request if the exemption no longer
applies to him or her; requiring custodial agencies to
maintain the exempt status of such information until
the exemption no longer applies to the individual;



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98 providing for future legislative review and repeal of
99 the exemption; providing a statement of public
100 necessity; providing an effective date.