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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (2) of section
119.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(2) AGENCY INVESTIGATIONS.—

(j) 1.a. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term:



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11 (I) "Family member" means a spouse, child, parent or legal
12 guardian, or sibling. This term does not include the accused.

13 (II) "Officer" means any full-time, part-time, or auxiliary
14 law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional
15 probation officer certified under s. 943.13.

16 (III) "Victim" means a person who suffers direct or
17 threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a
18 result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or
19 delinquent act or against whom the crime or delinquent act is
20 committed. The term does not include the accused.

21 b.(I) Any portion of a public record ~~document~~ that reveals
22 the identity, including the name or personal identification
23 number, home or employment telephone number, home or employment
24 address, or personal assets of a ~~the~~ victim, or any other
25 information that could be used to locate, intimidate, harass, or
26 abuse the victim, which ~~of a crime and~~ identifies that person as
27 the victim of a crime, and which is a public record that is
28 generated or ~~document~~ is received by any agency that regularly
29 generates or receives information from or concerning the victims
30 of crime, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of
31 the State Constitution.

32 (II) Any portion of a public record that reveals the
33 identity, including name or personal identification number, home
34 or employment telephone number, home or employment address, or
35 personal assets of the lawful representative, family member, or
36 next of kin of the person identified as a victim by the public
37 record, or any other information that could be used to locate,
38 intimidate, harass, or abuse such persons, and which is a public
39 record that is generated or received by any agency that



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regularly generates or receives information from or concerning the victims of crime, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This exemption does not apply to the accused, or to a lawful representative, family member, or next of kin of a victim upon a showing that the interest of such person would be in actual or potential conflict with the interests of the victim.

(III) Notwithstanding sub-sub-subparagraph (2)(j)1.b.(I), the portion of a public record exempted under sub-subparagraph (2)(j)1.b.(I) which contains the name of an officer who became a victim in the course and scope of the officer's employment or official duties is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution only for the first 60 days after the incident in which the officer became a victim. After the 60-day period, the portion of a public record which contains the name of an officer who became a victim in the course and scope of his or her employment or official duties and which identifies him or her as a victim is no longer exempt.

(IV) 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, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature. If, after review, this sub-subparagraph is not reenacted, the text of this sub-subparagraph shall revert to that in existence on June 30, 2026, except that any amendments to this sub-subparagraph enacted other than by this act shall be preserved and continue to operate to the extent that such amendments are not dependent upon the amendments to the sub-subparagraph made by this act.



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69 c. Any information not otherwise held confidential or
70 exempt from s. 119.07(1) which reveals the home or employment
71 telephone number, home or employment address, or personal assets
72 of a person who has been the victim of sexual battery,
73 aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment,
74 aggravated battery, or domestic violence is exempt from s.
75 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, upon
76 written request by the victim, which must include official
77 verification that an applicable crime has occurred. Such
78 information shall cease to be exempt 5 years after the receipt
79 of the written request.

80 d. Any state or federal agency that is authorized to have
81 access to such documents by any provision of law shall be
82 granted such access in the furtherance of such agency's
83 statutory duties, notwithstanding this section.

84 2.a. Any information in a videotaped statement of a minor
85 who is alleged to be or who is a victim of sexual battery, lewd
86 acts, or other sexual misconduct proscribed in chapter 800 or in
87 s. 794.011, s. 827.071, s. 847.012, s. 847.0125, s. 847.013, s.
88 847.0133, or s. 847.0145, which reveals that minor's identity,
89 including, but not limited to, the minor's face; the minor's
90 home, school, church, or employment telephone number; the
91 minor's home, school, church, or employment address; the name of
92 the minor's school, church, or place of employment; or the
93 personal assets of the minor; and which identifies that minor as
94 the victim of a crime described in this subparagraph, held by a
95 law enforcement agency, is confidential and exempt from s.
96 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Any
97 governmental agency that is authorized to have access to such



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statements by any provision of law shall be granted such access in the furtherance of the agency's statutory duties, notwithstanding the provisions of this section.

b. A public employee or officer who has access to a videotaped statement of a minor who is alleged to be or who is a victim of sexual battery, lewd acts, or other sexual misconduct proscribed in chapter 800 or in s. 794.011, s. 827.071, s. 847.012, s. 847.0125, s. 847.013, s. 847.0133, or s. 847.0145 may not willfully and knowingly disclose videotaped information that reveals the minor's identity to a person who is not assisting in the investigation or prosecution of the alleged offense or to any person other than the defendant, the defendant's attorney, or a person specified in an order entered by the court having jurisdiction of the alleged offense. A person who violates this provision commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 2. Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that the following information held by an agency that regularly generates or receives information from or concerning victims of crime be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution:

(a) The portions of public records that identify a person as a victim of a crime, or any other information that could be used to locate, intimidate, harass, or abuse a victim.

(b) The portions of public records that reveal the identity of the lawful representative, family member, or next of kin of a person identified as a victim by the public record, or any other



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information that could be used to locate, intimidate, harass, or abuse such persons.

(2) Victims, their lawful representative, family member, and next of kin, have a right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse. Community attention is often piqued when a person becomes a victim, which may lead to the undue intrusion into the person's privacy, as well as his or her family members, legal representative, or next of kin. The identifying information of such persons could be used to further traumatize the them. The risk of additional harm or harassment outweighs any public benefit that may be derived from the public disclosure of such information. The Legislature also finds that the release of such portions of records may deter crime victims from cooperating with law enforcement and reporting criminal acts based on a victim's fear of additional retaliation or attention. This exemption is narrowly tailored to balance the public's right to access public records by allowing the release of the name of a law enforcement officer who becomes a victim within the course and scope of his or her employment or duties 60 days after the incident. The risk of additional harm or harassment outweighs any public benefit that may be derived from the public disclosure of such information.

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

===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====
And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled



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An act relating to public records; amending s.
119.071, F.S.; defining terms; expanding a public
records exemption for crime victims to include the
name and personal identification number of a victim
and any other information that could be used to
locate, intimidate, harass, or abuse the victim;
providing that such exemption includes the portions of
records generated by any agency that regularly
generates or receives information from or concerning
victims of crime; providing for a public records
exemption for the identity of a victim's family
member, lawful representative, or next of kin and any
other information that could be used to locate,
intimidate, harass, or abuse these individuals;
providing that such exemption includes the portions of
records generated by any agency that regularly
generates or receives information from or concerning
victims of crime and that the record identifies the
person as a family member, lawful representative, or
next of kin of a person identified as a victim of
crime in the record; providing for the release of the
portion of a record which contains the name of a law
enforcement officer and which identifies him or her as
a victim of crime in specified circumstances is exempt
after 60 days; providing for future legislative review
and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of
public necessity; providing an effective date.