

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07,
3 F.S.; prohibiting certain law enforcement officers
4 from accepting or processing public records requests;
5 providing requirements for such officers; providing
6 penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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10 **Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 119.07,**
11 **Florida Statutes, to read:**

12 119.07 Inspection and copying of records; photographing
13 public records; fees; exemptions.—

14 (10) (a) A law enforcement officer, as defined in s.
15 943.10(1), who is actively engaged in the performance of an
16 official duty, including, but not limited to, a call for
17 service, an investigation, a case-related activity, or any other
18 official police activity, may not accept or process a public
19 records request at such time.

20 (b) The determination of whether an officer is actively
21 engaged in the performance of an official duty under this
22 subsection shall be made by the officer. Upon such
23 determination, the officer shall verbally inform the requestor
24 that the request cannot be accepted or processed and shall
25 direct the requestor to:

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26 1. The custodian of records for the officer's employing
27 agency; or

28 2. An official public records request portal, if
29 available.

30 (c) A person who, after being informed under paragraph
31 (b), knowingly and willfully persists in attempting to compel an
32 officer to accept or process a public records request while the
33 officer is actively engaged in the performance of an official
34 duty commits the offense of obstruction of a law enforcement
35 officer in violation of s. 843.02.

36 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.