

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public records; amending s.  
 3           119.071, F.S.; providing an exemption from public  
 4           records requirements for personal identifying  
 5           information of the alleged victim in an allegation of  
 6           sexual harassment; providing for future legislative  
 7           review and repeal of the exemption; providing a  
 8           statement of public necessity; providing an effective  
 9           date.

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

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 13           Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (2) of  
 14           section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:

15           119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of  
 16           public records.—

17           (2) AGENCY INVESTIGATIONS.—

18           (m) Personal identifying information of the alleged victim  
 19           in an allegation of sexual harassment is confidential and exempt  
 20           from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
 21           Constitution. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government  
 22           Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand  
 23           repealed on October 2, 2022, unless reviewed and saved from  
 24           repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

25           Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public

26 | necessity that personal identifying information of the alleged  
27 | victim in an allegation of sexual harassment be made  
28 | confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and  
29 | s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. The disclosure of  
30 | such information could harm alleged victims by placing them at  
31 | risk of further harassment and retaliation. Additionally, the  
32 | potential for disclosure of such information could create a  
33 | disincentive for alleged victims to report instances of alleged  
34 | harassment. The Legislature finds that the potential harm that  
35 | may result from the release of such information outweighs any  
36 | public benefit that may be derived from the disclosure of such  
37 | information.

38 | Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.