

## CHAPTER 2012-149

### Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 629

An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S.; including dates of birth within the types of personal identifying information of specified agency personnel and the spouses and children of such personnel that are exempt from public records requirements under s. 119.071(4)(d), F.S.; clarifying an exemption for personal identifying information of active or former law enforcement personnel and the spouses and children thereof; revising the exemption for personal identifying and location information of justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges, and the spouses and children of such justices and judges, to include former justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges, and the spouses and children thereof; providing for retroactive application of the exemptions; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; defining the term “telephone numbers”; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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

119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of public records.

(4) AGENCY PERSONNEL INFORMATION.—

(d)1. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “telephone numbers” includes home telephone numbers, personal cellular telephone numbers, personal pager telephone numbers, and telephone numbers associated with personal communications devices.

2.a. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of active or former sworn or civilian law enforcement personnel, including correctional and correctional probation officers, personnel of the Department of Children and Family Services whose duties include the investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities, personnel of the Department of Health whose duties are to support the investigation of child abuse or neglect, and personnel of the Department of Revenue or local governments whose responsibilities include revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security 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).

b. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of firefighters certified in compliance with s. 633.35; the home addresses, telephone numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such firefighters; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such firefighters are exempt from s. 119.07(1).

c. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone numbers of current or former justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges; the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former justices and judges; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former justices and judges are exempt from s. 119.07(1).

d. The home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; the home addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, photographs, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of current or former state attorneys, assistant state attorneys, statewide prosecutors, or assistant statewide prosecutors are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

e. The home addresses, dates of birth, and telephone numbers of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers; the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of general magistrates, special magistrates, judges of compensation claims, administrative law judges of the Division of Administrative Hearings, and child support enforcement hearing officers are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution if the general magistrate, special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support hearing officer provides a written statement that the general magistrate, special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support hearing officer has made reasonable efforts to protect such information from being accessible through other means available to the public. ~~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, 2013, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

f. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former human resource, labor relations, or employee relations directors, assistant directors, managers, or assistant managers of any local government agency or water management district whose duties include hiring and firing employees, labor contract negotiation, administration, or other personnel-related duties; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, 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.

g. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former code enforcement officers; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, 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.

h. The home addresses, telephone numbers, places of employment, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former guardians ad litem, as defined in s. 39.820; the names, home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such persons; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such persons are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution, if the guardian ad litem provides a written statement that the guardian ad litem has made reasonable efforts to protect such information from being accessible through other means available to the public. ~~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, 2015, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

i. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former juvenile probation officers, juvenile probation supervisors, detention superintendents, assistant detention superintendents, juvenile justice detention officers I and II, juvenile justice detention officer supervisors, juvenile justice residential officers, juvenile justice residential officer supervisors I and II, juvenile justice counselors, juvenile justice counselor supervisors, human services counselor administrators, senior human services counselor administrators, rehabilitation therapists, and social services counselors of the Department of Juvenile Justice; 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.

j. The home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and photographs of current or former public defenders, assistant public defenders, criminal conflict and civil regional counsel, and assistant criminal conflict

and civil regional counsel; the home addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and places of employment of the spouses and children of such defenders or counsel; and the names and locations of schools and day care facilities attended by the children of such defenders or counsel 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, 2015, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

~~3.2.~~ An agency that is the custodian of the information specified in subparagraph ~~2. 1.~~ and that is not the employer of the officer, employee, justice, judge, or other person specified in subparagraph ~~2. 1.~~ shall maintain the exempt status of that information only if the officer, employee, justice, judge, other person, or employing agency of the designated employee submits a written request for maintenance of the exemption to the custodial agency.

4. The exemptions in this paragraph apply to information held by an agency before, on, or after the effective date of 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, 2017, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. (1) It is the finding of the Legislature that the dates of birth of agency personnel enumerated in s. 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes, and of the spouses and children of such personnel be included within the types of identification and location information for such agency personnel and the spouses and children thereof that are exempt from public record requirements under s. 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes. It is the finding of the Legislature that date of birth information can be used as a tool to perpetuate fraud against an individual and to acquire sensitive personal, financial, medical, and familial information, the release of which could cause great financial harm to an individual. It is also the finding of the Legislature that, with respect to the existing exemptions from public record requirements for the telephone numbers of agency personnel enumerated in s. 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes, and the telephone numbers of the spouses and children of such personnel, the term "telephone number" should be defined and clarified to include personal pager numbers. Personal pager numbers are another means by which any of the agency personnel enumerated in s. 119.071(4)(d), Florida Statutes, and the spouses and children of such personnel, could potentially be identified, located, and put at risk.

(2) It is the further finding of the Legislature that specified identification and location information for former justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges, and for the spouses and children of such former justices and judges, should be exempt from public record requirements. In the course of making rulings, entering judgments, imposing sentences on the convicted, or reviewing cases from other courts, justices and judges frequently do not create good will with

litigants, the accused, the convicted, and their associates and families, thus making the justices and judges, and their spouses and children, targets for acts of revenge. This risk continues after justices and judges complete their public service. Disgruntled individuals may wait to commit an act of revenge until the employment of a justice or judge ends. If such identifying and location information were released, the safety of former justices and judges and their spouses and children could be seriously jeopardized. Accordingly, it is the finding of the Legislature that, in addition to the existing exemption from public record requirements for specified identifying and location information for current justices of the Supreme Court, district court of appeal judges, circuit court judges, and county court judges, and for their spouses and children, it is a public necessity that such identifying and location information for such former justices and judges and their spouses and children be made exempt from public record requirements.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

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