## CHAPTER 2018-117

## House Bill No. 7077

An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 119.071, F.S., relating to an exemption from public record requirements for a complaint of misconduct against an agency employee and all information obtained pursuant to an investigation of such a complaint; removing the scheduled repeal of the exemption; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (k) 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.—

(k)1. A complaint of misconduct filed with an agency against an agency employee and all information obtained pursuant to an investigation by the agency of the complaint of misconduct is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until the investigation ceases to be active, or until the agency provides written notice to the employee who is the subject of the complaint, either personally or by mail, that the agency has either:

<u>1.a.</u> Concluded the investigation with a finding not to proceed with disciplinary action or file charges; or

<u>2.b.</u> Concluded the investigation with a finding to proceed with disciplinary action or file charges.

2. Subparagraph 1. is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2018, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor March 23, 2018.

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1 CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words <u>underlined</u> are additions.