

CHAPTER 2022-88

House Bill No. 7015

An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 119.071, F.S., which provides an exemption from public records requirements for criminal intelligence and criminal investigative information that reveals the personal identifying information of a witness to a murder for a specified period; 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 (m) 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.—

(m)~~1~~. Criminal intelligence information or criminal investigative information that reveals the personal identifying information of a witness to a murder, as described in s. 782.04, is confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution for 2 years after the date on which the murder is observed by the witness. A criminal justice agency may disclose such information:

1.a. In the furtherance of its official duties and responsibilities.

2.b. To assist in locating or identifying the witness if the agency believes the witness to be missing or endangered.

3.e. To another governmental agency for use in the performance of its official duties and responsibilities.

4.d. To the parties in a pending criminal prosecution as required by law.

~~2.—This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2022, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor May 3, 2022.

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