

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
 3 119.071, F.S., providing a public records exemption
 4 for information furnished to a state, county, or
 5 municipal government agency for use in an emergency
 6 information gathering system; providing for future
 7 legislative review and repeal of the exemption;
 8 providing a statement of public necessity; providing
 9 restrictions on the collection of certain information
 10 regarding firearms; providing penalties for violations
 11 of such restrictions; providing an effective date.

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 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15 Section 1. Paragraph (k) is added to subsection (5) of
 16 section 119.071, Florida Statutes, to read:

17 119.071 General exemptions from inspection or copying of
 18 public records.—

19 (5) OTHER PERSONAL INFORMATION.—

20 (k)1. Information furnished by a person to a state,
 21 county, or municipal government agency for the purpose of
 22 registering emergency residential or business information for
 23 the agency's emergency information gathering system, including,
 24 but not limited to, the person's name, address, telephone
 25 number, e-mail address, health and other personal information,
 26 or other electronic communication address, is exempt from s.

27 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. This
28 exemption applies to information held by an agency before, on,
29 or after the effective date of this exemption.

30 2. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset
31 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
32 on October 2, 2020, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
33 through reenactment by the Legislature.

34 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
35 necessity that information furnished to a state, county, or
36 municipal government agency for use in emergency information
37 gathering systems be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes,
38 and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution. Emergency
39 information gathering systems act to provide information to
40 first responders in the event of an emergency. The Legislature
41 finds that public access to such information could lead to
42 misuse, fraud, or harm. The Legislature recognizes that
43 protection is needed for individuals who provide personal and
44 medical history information to first responders.

45 Section 3. A state, county, or municipal government agency
46 or other political subdivision of the state that uses an
47 emergency information gathering system or data collection system
48 may not require disclosure of, or request or accept voluntary
49 disclosure of, any information concerning firearms or
50 ammunition. The gathering or collection of such data is
51 prohibited, and the penalties provided in s. 790.335(4), Florida
52 Statutes, shall apply to a person or entity that participates in

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53 the collection of emergency information or data prohibited by
54 this section, including a person, company, or entity responsible
55 for providing software or any electronic or manual system for
56 the gathering or collection of information or data.

57 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.