

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records; amending s.
 3 119.0714, F.S.; exempting from the public record
 4 certain stricken matters in noncriminal cases;
 5 providing for the future legislative review and repeal
 6 of the exemption; providing a statement of public
 7 necessity; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 **Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (1) of**
 12 **section 119.0714, Florida Statutes, to read:**

13 119.0714 Court files; court records; official records.—

14 (1) COURT FILES.—Nothing in this chapter shall be
 15 construed to exempt from s. 119.07(1) a public record that was
 16 made a part of a court file and that is not specifically closed
 17 by order of court, except:

18 (m)1. Information in a pleading, request for relief, or
 19 other paper that, pursuant to the rules of court, has been
 20 stricken by the court in a noncriminal case, and that the court
 21 has found:

- 22 a. Is immaterial, impertinent, or sham; and
- 23 b. Would defame or cause unwarranted damage to the good
 24 name or reputation of an individual or jeopardize the safety of
 25 an individual.

26 2. This paragraph is subject to the Open Government Sunset
27 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
28 on October 2, 2030, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
29 through reenactment by the Legislature.

30 **Section 2.** The Legislature finds that it is a public
31 necessity that immaterial, impertinent, or sham matters that
32 would defame or cause unwarranted damage to the good name or
33 reputation of an individual or jeopardize the safety of an
34 individual, when such matter has been stricken from a
35 noncriminal court file pursuant to the rules of court, be made
36 exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),
37 Article I of the State Constitution. The protection of such
38 stricken matter concerning an individual, the release of which
39 would be defamatory to such individual, would cause unwarranted
40 damage to the good name or reputation of such individual, or
41 would jeopardize the safety of such individual, serves an
42 identifiable public purpose justifying the creation of an
43 exemption from public records requirements. The Legislature
44 finds that the harm that may result from the release of such
45 stricken matter outweighs any public benefit that may be derived
46 from the disclosure of the stricken matter.

47 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.