

26 officials is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of
 27 the State Constitution. These exemptions apply to any such
 28 records held by these agencies before, on, or after the
 29 effective date of this act. This subsection is subject to the
 30 Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15
 31 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2028 ~~2023~~, unless
 32 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the
 33 Legislature.

34 Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public
 35 necessity that the identity of a person reporting unsafe,
 36 potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities,
 37 or the threat of these activities, received through the mobile
 38 suspicious activity reporting tool and held by the Department of
 39 Education be made confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1),
 40 Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State
 41 Constitution, if the reporting person provides his or her
 42 identity. The public records exemption for the identity of those
 43 individuals reporting potentially harmful or threatening
 44 activities as part of the School Safety Awareness Program
 45 encourages individuals to act and not be fearful that their
 46 identity will be revealed. Without the public records exemption,
 47 individuals reporting such activities might be less willing to
 48 report their knowledge of these possible activities to the
 49 appropriate authorities out of fear. Ensuring their identity is
 50 protected will encourage reporting, which could lead to law

51 enforcement or other appropriate agencies intervening before an
 52 incident of mass violence occurs.

53 (2) The Legislature also finds that it is a public
 54 necessity that any other information received through the mobile
 55 suspicious activity reporting tool through the School Safety
 56 Awareness Program and held by the Department of Education be
 57 made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a),
 58 Article I of the State Constitution. The public records
 59 exemption for any other information received through the mobile
 60 suspicious activity reporting tool protects information of a
 61 sensitive personal nature that, if disclosed, could be
 62 embarrassing. Without the public records exemption, individuals
 63 reporting such activities might be less willing to report their
 64 knowledge of these possible activities to the appropriate
 65 authorities out of fear and concern for their safety. The public
 66 records exemption will encourage reporting, which could lead to
 67 law enforcement or other appropriate agencies intervening before
 68 an incident of mass violence occurs. The public records
 69 exemption is also needed to protect the privacy of other
 70 individuals who are included in the report. After a report is
 71 made, law enforcement may find the report to be unfounded. For
 72 these reasons, the Legislature finds that it is a public
 73 necessity to protect any other information reported through the
 74 mobile suspicious activity reporting tool.

75 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.