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17 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Article
18 I of the State Constitution, and shall not be disclosed except
19 as provided in subsection (2).

20 (2) The information made confidential and exempt under
21 subsection (1) may be released to the Department of Education
22 for the purpose of facilitating the award of standard high
23 school diplomas to persons compensated through the Dozier School
24 for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program in
25 accordance with law, or upon court order.

26 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
27 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
28 on October 2, 2029, 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 any names, dates of birth, driver license
32 numbers, social security numbers, home addresses, mailing
33 addresses, telephone numbers, or electronic mail addresses in an
34 application submitted to the Department of Legal Affairs by a
35 person seeking compensation through the Dozier School for Boys
36 and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program be made
37 confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and
38 s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution, and not be
39 disclosed except as provided in section 1. The Legislature finds
40 that the release of such personal identifying information,
41 except as provided in section 1, could subject the persons

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42 applying for compensation through the Dozier School for Boys and
43 Okeechobee School Victim Compensation Program to further trauma
44 should their status as a victim of the Dozier School for Boys or
45 the Okeechobee School, or the nature of the abuse each victim
46 suffered there, be made public, and to the possibility of
47 harassment. The Legislature further finds that a victim of the
48 Dozier School for Boys or the Okeechobee School may be more
49 likely to come forward and apply for compensation through the
50 Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim Compensation
51 Program if the personal identifying information in the
52 application is protected from public disclosure. The Legislature
53 finds that the harm that may result from the release of such
54 information outweighs the public benefit that may be derived
55 from the disclosure of such information.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date
57 that HB 21 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
58 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
59 extension thereof and becomes a law.

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63 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
64 An act relating to public records; creating s. 16.64, F.S.;
65 providing an exemption from public records requirements for the
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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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67 | personal identifying information in an application submitted to
68 | the Department of Legal Affairs by a person seeking compensation
69 | through the Dozier School for Boys and Okeechobee School Victim
70 | Compensation Program; creating exceptions; providing for future
71 | legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a
72 | statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective
73 | date.

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