

FY 2025-2026 Conforming Bill
Relating to Hope Florida Public Records

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Hope Florida public records; creating
3 section 23.45; exempting personal identifying information
4 collected by Hope Florida from public record; allowing
5 specific state agency and public-private partner staff to
6 access personal identifying information collected by Hope
7 Florida; requires state agency and public-private partner
8 staff to maintain confidentiality; providing an effective
9 date.

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11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Section 23.45, Florida Statutes is created to
14 read:

15 23.45 Public Records.-

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17 Section 2. Section 23.46, Florida Statutes, is created to
18 read:

19 (1) In order to protect the privacy and rights of
20 individuals who are utilizing Hope Florida the following records
21 held by the department are confidential and exempt from s.
22 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

23 (a) Any person who provides personal identifying
24 information from their participation in Hope Florida established
25 under s. 23.43, Florida Statutes.

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26 (b) All personal identifying information collected for the
27 purpose of issuing a patient's or caregiver's Care Plan
28 described in s. 23.43, Florida Statutes.

29 (c) All personal identifying information provided to the
30 Hope Navigators for the purpose of navigating and actively
31 leveraging community-based supports and opportunities.

32 (2) The department shall allow access to the confidential
33 and exempt information in the Hope Florida database to:

34 (a) An employee of the department for the purposes of
35 maintaining the registry and periodic reporting or disclosure of
36 information that has been redacted to exclude personal
37 identifying information.

38 (b) The department's public-private partners, at the
39 direction of the Governor, including but not limited to,
40 CareerSource Florida and Volunteer Florida who assist
41 individuals participating in Hope Florida.

42 (c) An employee of the department for the purpose of
43 approving or disapproving a request for additional assistance
44 within the purview of Hope Florida.

45 (3) All information released by the department under
46 subsections (2) and (3) remains confidential and exempt, and a
47 person who receives access to such information must maintain the
48 confidential and exempt status of the information received.

49 (4) A person who willfully and knowingly violates this
50 section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as

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51 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

52 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that
53 legislation creating the Office of Hope Florida takes effect, if
54 such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or
55 an extension thereof and becomes a law.