A bill to be entitled

An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; authorizing certain law enforcement officers to decline to accept or process public records requests; providing requirements for such officers; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 119.07, Florida Statutes, to read:

119.07 Inspection and copying of records; photographing public records; fees; exemptions.—

(10)(a) A law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(1), who is actively engaged in the performance of an official duty, including, but not limited to, a call for service, an investigation, a case-related activity, or any other official law enforcement activity, may decline to accept or process a public records request at such time.

(b) The determination of whether an officer is actively engaged in the performance of an official duty under this subsection shall be made by the officer. Upon such determination, the officer must verbally inform the requestor that he or she cannot accept or process the request and must direct the requestor to:

1. The custodian of records for the officer's employing agency; or

2. An official public records request portal, if available.

(c) A person who, after being informed as required under paragraph (b), knowingly and willfully persists in attempting to compel an officer to accept or process a public records request while the officer is actively engaged in the performance of an official duty commits the offense of resisting an officer without violence in violation of s. 843.02.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.