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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – **Representative Dan Daley (D-Coral Springs)** has filed **House Bill 983**, an act relating to public records, which seeks to provide crucial protections for the privacy and security of current and former clerks of the circuit court, deputy clerks, and clerk of the circuit court personnel. The bill amends s. 119.071, F.S., and introduces an exemption from public records requirements for their personal identifying and location information. Additionally, this bill will extend protection to the names and personal details of the spouses and children of these individuals.

"It is essential that we take steps to protect the personal information of those who serve in critical roles within our judicial system. Court Clerks serve in and out of the courtroom and shouldn't need to fear reprisal as a result of doing their job. HB 983 is an additional layer of protection that others in a courtroom already enjoy," emphasized **Representative Dan Daley.**

"As the intersection between the public and the courts, Clerks and our staff are susceptible to harassment and threats for simply doing our jobs," said 2023-24 FCCC President and Suwannee County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller Barry Baker. "This legislation adds a layer of protection for our team members by protecting certain personal information that would otherwise be easily accessible and could be used by individuals with bad intentions. I'd like to thank both Representative Daley and Senator Yarborough for putting this bill forward and their commitment to keeping our public servants and court officers safe."