

HB1777



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 120/2

from Ch. 102, par. 42

Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body may hold closed meetings to consider self evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide or regional association (rather than only a statewide association) of which the public body is a member.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Open Meetings Act is amended by changing
5 Section 2 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 120/2) (from Ch. 102, par. 42)

7 Sec. 2. Open meetings.

8 (a) Openness required. All meetings of public bodies shall
9 be open to the public unless excepted in subsection (c) and
10 closed in accordance with Section 2a.

11 (b) Construction of exceptions. The exceptions contained
12 in subsection (c) are in derogation of the requirement that
13 public bodies meet in the open, and therefore, the exceptions
14 are to be strictly construed, extending only to subjects
15 clearly within their scope. The exceptions authorize but do
16 not require the holding of a closed meeting to discuss a
17 subject included within an enumerated exception.

18 (c) Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to
19 consider the following subjects:

20 (1) The appointment, employment, compensation,
21 discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific
22 employees, specific individuals who serve as independent
23 contractors in a park, recreational, or educational

1 setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or
2 legal counsel for the public body, including hearing
3 testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a
4 specific individual who serves as an independent
5 contractor in a park, recreational, or educational
6 setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against
7 legal counsel for the public body to determine its
8 validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in
9 compensation to a specific employee of a public body that
10 is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase
11 Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the
12 public and posted and held in accordance with this Act.

13 (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public
14 body and its employees or their representatives, or
15 deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more
16 classes of employees.

17 (3) The selection of a person to fill a public office,
18 as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public
19 office, when the public body is given power to appoint
20 under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or
21 removal of the occupant of a public office, when the
22 public body is given power to remove the occupant under
23 law or ordinance.

24 (4) Evidence or testimony presented in open hearing,
25 or in closed hearing where specifically authorized by law,
26 to a quasi-adjudicative body, as defined in this Act,

1 provided that the body prepares and makes available for
2 public inspection a written decision setting forth its
3 determinative reasoning.

4 (4.5) Evidence or testimony presented to a school
5 board regarding denial of admission to school events or
6 property pursuant to Section 24-24 of the School Code,
7 provided that the school board prepares and makes
8 available for public inspection a written decision setting
9 forth its determinative reasoning.

10 (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use
11 of the public body, including meetings held for the
12 purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should
13 be acquired.

14 (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of
15 property owned by the public body.

16 (7) The sale or purchase of securities, investments,
17 or investment contracts. This exception shall not apply to
18 the investment of assets or income of funds deposited into
19 the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund.

20 (8) Security procedures, school building safety and
21 security, and the use of personnel and equipment to
22 respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably
23 potential danger to the safety of employees, students,
24 staff, the public, or public property.

25 (9) Student disciplinary cases.

26 (10) The placement of individual students in special

1 education programs and other matters relating to
2 individual students.

3 (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or
4 on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and
5 is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or
6 when the public body finds that an action is probable or
7 imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be
8 recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed
9 meeting.

10 (12) The establishment of reserves or settlement of
11 claims as provided in the Local Governmental and
12 Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, if otherwise the
13 disposition of a claim or potential claim might be
14 prejudiced, or the review or discussion of claims, loss or
15 risk management information, records, data, advice or
16 communications from or with respect to any insurer of the
17 public body or any intergovernmental risk management
18 association or self insurance pool of which the public
19 body is a member.

20 (13) Conciliation of complaints of discrimination in
21 the sale or rental of housing, when closed meetings are
22 authorized by the law or ordinance prescribing fair
23 housing practices and creating a commission or
24 administrative agency for their enforcement.

25 (14) Informant sources, the hiring or assignment of
26 undercover personnel or equipment, or ongoing, prior or

1 future criminal investigations, when discussed by a public
2 body with criminal investigatory responsibilities.

3 (15) Professional ethics or performance when
4 considered by an advisory body appointed to advise a
5 licensing or regulatory agency on matters germane to the
6 advisory body's field of competence.

7 (16) Self evaluation, practices and procedures, or
8 professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of
9 a statewide or regional association of which the public
10 body is a member.

11 (17) The recruitment, credentialing, discipline or
12 formal peer review of physicians or other health care
13 professionals, or for the discussion of matters protected
14 under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement
15 Act of 2005, and the regulations promulgated thereunder,
16 including 42 C.F.R. Part 3 (73 FR 70732), or the federal
17 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of
18 1996, and the regulations promulgated thereunder,
19 including 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162, and 164, by a
20 hospital, or other institution providing medical care,
21 that is operated by the public body.

22 (18) Deliberations for decisions of the Prisoner
23 Review Board.

24 (19) Review or discussion of applications received
25 under the Experimental Organ Transplantation Procedures
26 Act.

1 (20) The classification and discussion of matters
2 classified as confidential or continued confidential by
3 the State Government Suggestion Award Board.

4 (21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed
5 under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the
6 body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes
7 as mandated by Section 2.06.

8 (22) Deliberations for decisions of the State
9 Emergency Medical Services Disciplinary Review Board.

10 (23) The operation by a municipality of a municipal
11 utility or the operation of a municipal power agency or
12 municipal natural gas agency when the discussion involves
13 (i) contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery
14 of electricity or natural gas or (ii) the results or
15 conclusions of load forecast studies.

16 (24) Meetings of a residential health care facility
17 resident sexual assault and death review team or the
18 Executive Council under the Abuse Prevention Review Team
19 Act.

20 (25) Meetings of an independent team of experts under
21 Brian's Law.

22 (26) Meetings of a mortality review team appointed
23 under the Department of Juvenile Justice Mortality Review
24 Team Act.

25 (27) (Blank).

26 (28) Correspondence and records (i) that may not be

1 disclosed under Section 11-9 of the Illinois Public Aid
2 Code or (ii) that pertain to appeals under Section 11-8 of
3 the Illinois Public Aid Code.

4 (29) Meetings between internal or external auditors
5 and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and
6 their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal
7 control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk
8 areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews
9 conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing
10 standards of the United States of America.

11 (30) (Blank).

12 (31) Meetings and deliberations for decisions of the
13 Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm
14 Concealed Carry Act.

15 (32) Meetings between the Regional Transportation
16 Authority Board and its Service Boards when the discussion
17 involves review by the Regional Transportation Authority
18 Board of employment contracts under Section 28d of the
19 Metropolitan Transit Authority Act and Sections 3A.18 and
20 3B.26 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act.

21 (33) Those meetings or portions of meetings of the
22 advisory committee and peer review subcommittee created
23 under Section 320 of the Illinois Controlled Substances
24 Act during which specific controlled substance prescriber,
25 dispenser, or patient information is discussed.

26 (34) Meetings of the Tax Increment Financing Reform

1 Task Force under Section 2505-800 of the Department of
2 Revenue Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.

3 (35) Meetings of the group established to discuss
4 Medicaid capitation rates under Section 5-30.8 of the
5 Illinois Public Aid Code.

6 (36) Those deliberations or portions of deliberations
7 for decisions of the Illinois Gaming Board in which there
8 is discussed any of the following: (i) personal,
9 commercial, financial, or other information obtained from
10 any source that is privileged, proprietary, confidential,
11 or a trade secret; or (ii) information specifically
12 exempted from the disclosure by federal or State law.

13 (37) Deliberations for decisions of the Illinois Law
14 Enforcement Training Standards Board, the Certification
15 Review Panel, and the Illinois State Police Merit Board
16 regarding certification and decertification.

17 (38) Meetings of the Ad Hoc Statewide Domestic
18 Violence Fatality Review Committee of the Illinois
19 Criminal Justice Information Authority Board that occur in
20 closed executive session under subsection (d) of Section
21 35 of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Act.

22 (39) Meetings of the regional review teams under
23 subsection (a) of Section 75 of the Domestic Violence
24 Fatality Review Act.

25 (40) Meetings of the Firearm Owner's Identification
26 Card Review Board under Section 10 of the Firearm Owners

1 Identification Card Act.

2 (d) Definitions. For purposes of this Section:

3 "Employee" means a person employed by a public body whose
4 relationship with the public body constitutes an
5 employer-employee relationship under the usual common law
6 rules, and who is not an independent contractor.

7 "Public office" means a position created by or under the
8 Constitution or laws of this State, the occupant of which is
9 charged with the exercise of some portion of the sovereign
10 power of this State. The term "public office" shall include
11 members of the public body, but it shall not include
12 organizational positions filled by members thereof, whether
13 established by law or by a public body itself, that exist to
14 assist the body in the conduct of its business.

15 "Quasi-adjudicative body" means an administrative body
16 charged by law or ordinance with the responsibility to conduct
17 hearings, receive evidence or testimony and make
18 determinations based thereon, but does not include local
19 electoral boards when such bodies are considering petition
20 challenges.

21 (e) Final action. No final action may be taken at a closed
22 meeting. Final action shall be preceded by a public recital of
23 the nature of the matter being considered and other
24 information that will inform the public of the business being
25 conducted.

26 (Source: P.A. 102-237, eff. 1-1-22; 102-520, eff. 8-20-21;

- 1 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 103-311, eff.
- 2 7-28-23; 103-626, eff. 1-1-25.)