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A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to State University System faculty members; providing for confidentiality 3 4 of records relating to promotion, reemployment, 5 and tenure; providing an exemption from the 6 public meetings law for proceedings relating to 7 the promotion, reemployment, or tenure of faculty members; providing for legislative 8 9 review and future repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective 10 date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. (1) Any evaluation, report, 15 16 correspondence, file, or other written or recorded 17 communication relating to the promotion, reemployment, or tenure of a faculty member in the State University System is 18 19 confidential and exempt from section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and section 24(a), Article I of the State 20 21 Constitution. 22 (2) Proceedings and hearings conducted for the purpose of the promotion, reemployment, or tenure of a faculty member 23 in the State University System are exempt from the provisions 24 25 of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and section 24(b), 26 Article I of the State Constitution. 27 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government 28 Sunset Review Act of 1995 in accordance with section 119.15, 29 Florida Statutes, and is repealed on October 2, 2003, unless 30 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature before that date.

1 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that information concerning faculty members who are 2 3 being considered for promotion, retention, or tenure be kept 4 confidential and exempt from the public records law. The 5 release of such information could be potentially detrimental 6 to the ability of such faculty members to earn a living and 7 could result in unwarranted damage to the good name or reputation of such faculty members. In addition the 8 Legislature finds that it is a public necessity that records 9 10 be protected and meetings be closed to the public so that such proceedings are not otherwise significantly impaired. Such an 11 12 exemption will create a secure environment in which faculty meetings relating to promotion, reemployment, and tenure are 13 14 conducted. 15 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998. 16 17 18 SENATE SUMMARY Provides for confidentiality of records relating to promotion, reemployment, and tenure of faculty members of the State University System. Provides an exemption from the public meeting law for proceedings relating to such matters. Provides for future review and repeal. Provides a statement of public necessity. 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31