

By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
and Criminal Justice; and Senator Pizzo

585-03387-20

20201802c2

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public meetings; amending s.
3 943.6872, F.S.; providing an exemption from public
4 meetings requirements for portions of the Urban Core
5 Gun Violence Task Force meetings at which exempt or
6 confidential and exempt information is discussed;
7 providing for future legislative review and repeal of
8 the exemption; requiring the recording and
9 transcription of exempt portions of such meetings;
10 providing an exemption from public records
11 requirements for such recordings and transcripts;
12 providing an exception; providing a statement of
13 public necessity; providing a contingent effective
14 date.

15
16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

17
18 Section 1. Present subsections (6) and (7) of section
19 943.6872, Florida Statutes, as created by SB 652 or similar
20 legislation, 2020 Regular Session, are redesignated as
21 subsections (7) and (8), respectively, and a new subsection (6)
22 is added to that section, to read:

23 (6) (a) Any portion of a meeting of the Urban Core Gun
24 Violence Task Force at which exempt or confidential and exempt
25 information is discussed is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b),
26 Art. I of the State Constitution. This subsection is subject to
27 the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s.
28 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2025, unless
29 reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the

585-03387-20

20201802c2

30 Legislature.

31 (b) No portion of an exempt meeting under paragraph (a) may
32 be off the record. All exempt portions of such meeting shall be
33 recorded and transcribed. Such recordings and transcripts are
34 confidential and exempt from disclosure under s. 119.07(1) and
35 s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution unless a court of
36 competent jurisdiction, after an in-cameral review, determines
37 that the meeting was not restricted to the discussion of exempt
38 or confidential and exempt information as obtained by the Urban
39 Core Gun Violence Task Force.

40 Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public
41 necessity that any portion of a meeting of the Urban Core Gun
42 Violence Task Force at which exempt or confidential and exempt
43 information is discussed be made exempt from s. 286.011, Florida
44 Statutes, and s. 24(b), Article I of the State Constitution. The
45 purpose of the task force is to investigate system failures and
46 the causes of high crime rates and gun violence incidents in
47 urban core neighborhoods and communities. In addition, the task
48 force shall develop recommendations for solutions, programs,
49 services, and strategies for improved interagency communications
50 between local and state government agencies which will help
51 facilitate the reduction of crime and gun violence in urban core
52 neighborhoods and communities. In order to fulfill its
53 directive, the task force must be able to discuss exempt or
54 confidential and exempt information that it receives as part of
55 its investigation. The public meetings exemption will allow the
56 task force to review and discuss exempt or confidential and
57 exempt information that will be useful in forming meaningful
58 recommendations for system improvements and improved interagency

585-03387-20

20201802c2

59 communications. As such, it is necessary that those portions of
60 meetings wherein exempt or confidential and exempt information
61 is discussed be made exempt from public meetings requirements.
62 If such portions of the meeting were not closed, the public
63 records exemptions would be negated. Thus, the Legislature finds
64 that the public meeting exemption is a public necessity in order
65 to ensure the effective and efficient administration of the
66 Urban Core Gun Violence Task Force.

67 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that
68 SB 652 or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation
69 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension
70 thereof and becomes a law.