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1	A bill to be entitled					
2	An act relating to public meetings; providing an					
3	exemption from public meetings requirements for					
4	portions of meetings of the Commission on Public					
5	Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities at which					
6	exempt or confidential and exempt information is					
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9	public necessity; providing a contingent effective					
10	date.					
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12	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:					
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14	Section 1. Any portion of a meeting of the Commission on					
15	Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities, as created by					
16	HB 495, 2023 Regular Session, or similar legislation, at which					
17	exempt or confidential and exempt information is discussed is					
18	exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b), Art. I					
19	of the State Constitution. This section is subject to the Open					
20	Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15,					
21	Florida Statutes, and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2028,					
22	unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the					
23	Legislature.					
24	Section 2. The Legislature finds that it is a public					
25	necessity that any portion of a meeting of the Commission on					

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26	Public Safety in Urban and Inner-City Communities at which					
27	exempt or confidential and exempt information is discussed be					
28	made exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b),					
29	Article I of the State Constitution. The purpose of the					
30	commission is to investigate system failures and the causes and					
31	reasons for high crime and gun violence incidents in urban and					
32	inner-city neighborhoods and communities and to develop					
33	recommendations for system improvements. In order to fulfill its					
34	directive, the commission must be able to discuss exempt or					
35	confidential and exempt information that it receives as part of					
36	its investigation. The public meetings exemption will allow the					
37	commission to review and discuss exempt or confidential and					
38	exempt information that will be useful in forming meaningful					
39	recommendations for system improvements. As such, it is a					
40	necessity that those portions of meetings at which exempt or					
41	confidential and exempt information is discussed be made exempt					
42	from public meetings requirements. If such portions of those					
43	meetings are not closed, the public records exemption would be					
44	negated. Thus, the Legislature finds that the public meetings					
45	exemption is a public necessity in order to ensure the effective					
46	and efficient administration of the Commission on Public Safety					
47	in Urban and Inner-City Communities.					
48	Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date					
49	that HB 495 or similar legislation takes effect, if such					
50	legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an					
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51 extension thereof and becomes a law.

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