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 2 An act relating to chiefs of police; creating s.
 3 166.0494, F.S.; prohibiting a municipality from
 4 terminating a chief of police without providing the
 5 chief of police written notice; requiring a
 6 municipality to allow a chief of police to appear and
 7 provide a full and complete response to his or her
 8 termination at a specified public meeting; prohibiting
 9 an employment contract from including certain
 10 provisions; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Section 166.0494, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 166.0494 Chiefs of police; termination.—

17 (1) A municipality may not terminate a chief of police
 18 without providing the chief of police written notice of his or
 19 her termination.

20 (2) After providing a chief of police written notice of
 21 his or her termination, a municipality must allow the chief of
 22 police to appear at the next regularly scheduled public meeting
 23 of the governing body of the municipality and provide a full and
 24 complete response to his or her termination at the meeting.

25 (3) An employment contract between a municipality and a

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26 | chief of police may not waive or modify the requirements of this
27 | section or include a nondisclosure clause that prohibits a chief
28 | of police from responding to his or her termination as
29 | authorized by this section.

30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.