

By Senator Wright

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public records and meetings;
3 creating s. 468.1336, F.S.; providing an exemption
4 from public meetings requirements for certain portions
5 of meetings of the Audiology and Speech-language
6 Pathology Interstate Compact Commission and its
7 executive committee; providing an exemption from
8 public records requirements for recordings, minutes,
9 and records generated during exempt portions of such
10 meetings; providing for future legislative review and
11 repeal of the exemptions; providing statements of
12 public necessity; providing a contingent effective
13 date.

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

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17 Section 1. Section 468.1336, Florida Statutes, is created
18 to read:

19 468.1336 Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate
20 Compact Commission; public meetings and public records
21 exemptions.-

22 (1) Any portion of a meeting of the Audiology and Speech-
23 language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission or its
24 executive committee in which any of the following information is
25 discussed is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the
26 State Constitution:

27 (a) Noncompliance of a member state with its obligations
28 under the compact;

29 (b) The employment, compensation, discipline, or other

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30 matters, practices, or procedures related to specific employees
31 or other matters related to the commission's internal personnel
32 practices and procedures;

33 (c) Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated
34 litigation;

35 (d) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or
36 sale of goods, services, or real estate;

37 (e) Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring
38 any person;

39 (f) Trade secrets or commercial or financial information
40 that is privileged or confidential;

41 (g) Information of a personal nature if disclosure would
42 constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

43 (h) Investigative records compiled for law enforcement
44 purposes;

45 (i) Information relating to any investigative reports
46 prepared by or on behalf of or for use by the commission or
47 executive committee when investigating or determining compliance
48 with the compact; or

49 (j) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by
50 federal or state practice laws.

51 (2) Recordings, minutes, and records generated during any
52 portion of an exempt meeting are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
53 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

54 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
55 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
56 on October 2, 2029, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
57 through reenactment by the Legislature.

58 Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public

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59 necessity that any portion of a meeting of the Audiology and
60 Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact Commission or its
61 executive committee in which any information in s. 468.1336(1),
62 Florida Statutes, is discussed be made exempt from s. 286.011,
63 Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b), Article I of the State
64 Constitution.

65 (2) The Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate
66 Compact requires that any portion of a meeting in which any
67 information in s. 468.1336(1), Florida Statutes, is discussed be
68 closed to the public. In the absence of a public meetings
69 exemption, this state would be prohibited from becoming a member
70 state of the compact. Thus, this state would be unable to
71 effectively and efficiently administer the compact.

72 (3) The Legislature also finds that it is a public
73 necessity that the recordings, minutes, and records generated
74 during any portion of a meeting in which any information in s.
75 468.1336(1), Florida Statutes, is discussed be made exempt from
76 s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the
77 State Constitution. Release of such information would negate the
78 public meetings exemption. As such, the Legislature finds that
79 the public records exemption is a public necessity.

80 Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date that
81 SB____ or similar legislation takes effect, if such legislation
82 is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension
83 thereof and becomes a law.