By Senator Polsky

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to applicants for president of a state university or Florida College System institution; amending s. 1004.098, F.S.; defining the term "final group of applicants"; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Present subsections (1), (2), and (3) of section 1004.098, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2), (3), and (4), respectively, a new subsection (1) is added to that section, and paragraph (a) of present subsection (2) of that section is amended, to read:

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1004.098 Applicants for president of a state university or Florida College System institution; public records exemption; public meetings exemption.—

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(1) For the purposes of this section, the term "final group of applicants" means no fewer than two applicants who will receive final consideration for president of a state university or Florida College System institution.

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 $\underline{(3)(a)(2)(a)}$ Any portion of a meeting held for the purpose of identifying or vetting applicants for president of a state university or a Florida College System institution, including any portion of a meeting which would disclose personal identifying information of such applicants which is otherwise confidential and exempt under subsection $\underline{(2)}$ $\underline{(1)}$, is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.