

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to public records and meetings;
 3 creating ss. 401.4661 and 456.661, F.S.; providing
 4 exemptions from public meetings requirements for
 5 certain portions of meetings of the Interstate
 6 Commission for EMS Personnel Practice and the
 7 Physician Assistant Licensure Compact Commission;
 8 respectively; providing an exemption from public
 9 records requirements for recordings, minutes, and
 10 records generated during exempt portions of such
 11 meetings; providing for future legislative review and
 12 repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of
 13 public necessity; providing a contingent effective
 14 date.

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

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 18 **Section 1. Section 401.4661, Florida Statutes, is created**
 19 **to read:**

20 401.4661 The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel
 21 Practice; public meetings and public records exemptions.-

22 (1) An emergency medical services personnel's personal
 23 identifying information, other than his or her name, licensure
 24 status, or licensure number, obtained from the coordinated
 25 database described in Article XI of s. 401.466 and held by the

26 department or the board is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.
27 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution unless the state that
28 originally reported the information to the data system
29 authorizes the disclosure of such information by law. If
30 disclosure is so authorized, such information may be disclosed
31 only to the extent authorized by law of the reporting state.

32 (2) (a) Any meeting or a portion of a meeting of the
33 Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice, the executive
34 committee, or other committee of the commission established in
35 Article X of s. 401.466, at which matters specifically exempted
36 from disclosure by federal or state law are discussed is exempt
37 from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

38 (b) Recordings, minutes, and records generated during an
39 exempt meeting or portion of such a meeting are exempt from s.
40 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution

41 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
42 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
43 on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
44 through reenactment by the Legislature.

45 **Section 2. Section 456.661, Florida Statutes, is created**
46 **to read:**

47 456.661 Physician Assistant Licensure Compact Commission;
48 public meetings and public records exemptions.-

49 (1) A physician assistant's personal identifying
50 information, other than his or her name, licensure status, or

51 licensure number, obtained from the data system described in
52 Article VIII of s. 456.66, and held by the department or the
53 board, is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the
54 State Constitution unless the state that originally reported the
55 information to the data system authorizes the disclosure of such
56 information by law. If disclosure is so authorized, such
57 information may be disclosed only to the extent authorized by
58 law of the reporting state.

59 (2) (a) Any meeting or a portion of a meeting of the
60 Physician Assistant Licensure Compact Commission, the executive
61 committee, or other committee of the commission established in
62 Article VII of s. 456.66, at which matters specifically exempted
63 from disclosure by federal or state law are discussed is exempt
64 from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

65 (b) Recordings, minutes, and records generated during an
66 exempt meeting or exempt portion of such a meeting are exempt
67 from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
68 Constitution.

69 (3) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset
70 Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed
71 on October 2, 2031, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
72 through reenactment by the Legislature.

73 **Section 3.** (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public
74 necessity that an emergency medical technician's, a paramedic's,
75 and a physician assistant's personal identifying information,

76 other than his or her name, licensure status, or licensure
77 number obtained for the coordinated database and the data
78 system, as described in Article XI of s. 401.466 and Article
79 VIII of s. 456.66, Florida Statutes, respectively, and held by
80 the Department of Health, the Board of Medicine, or the Board of
81 Osteopathic Medicine be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida
82 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution.
83 Protection of such information is required under the Emergency
84 Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact and the
85 Physician Assistant Licensure Compact. Without the public
86 records exemption, this state will be unable to effectively
87 implement and administer the compact.

88 (2) (a) The Legislature further finds that it is a public
89 necessity that any meeting of the Interstate Commission for EMS
90 Personnel Practice or the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact
91 Commission, or the executive committee or other committee of
92 either commission, held as provided in s. 401.466 or s. 456.66,
93 Florida Statutes, respectively, in which matters specifically
94 exempted from disclosure by federal or state law are discussed
95 be made exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b),
96 Article I of the State Constitution.

97 (b) The Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice
98 and the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact Commission require
99 the closure of any meeting, or portion of a meeting, held by the
100 Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice and the

101 Physician Assistant Licensure Compact Commission, or the
102 executive committee or other committee of either commission, if
103 the presiding officer announces in a public meeting that, in
104 connection with the performance of the commission's duties, the
105 commission must discuss certain sensitive and confidential
106 subject matters. In the absence of a public meetings exemption,
107 this state would be prohibited from becoming a member state of
108 the compact.

109 (3) The Legislature further finds that it is a public
110 necessity that the recordings, minutes, and records generated
111 during a meeting held as provided in s. 401.466 or s. 456.66,
112 Florida Statutes, which are exempt from public meetings
113 requirements, be made exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida
114 Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the State Constitution.
115 Release of such information would negate the public meetings
116 exemption. As such, the Legislature finds that the public
117 records exemption is a public necessity.

118 **Section 4.** This act shall take effect on the same date
119 that HB 693 or similar legislation takes effect, if such
120 legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an
121 extension thereof and becomes law.