

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 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.