

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public records and meetings;  
 3           creating s. 491.023, F.S.; providing an exemption from  
 4           public meetings requirements for certain portions of  
 5           meetings of the Social Work Licensure Interstate  
 6           Compact Commission and the executive committee and  
 7           other committees of the commission; providing an  
 8           exemption from public records requirements for  
 9           recordings, minutes, and records generated during  
 10          exempt portions of such meetings; providing for future  
 11          legislative review and repeal of the exemptions;  
 12          providing statements of public necessity; providing a  
 13          contingent effective 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 491.023, Florida Statutes, is created  
 18   to read:

19           491.023 Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact  
 20   Commission; public meetings and public records exemptions.-

21           (1) The commission or the executive committee or other  
 22   committees of the commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic  
 23   meeting to receive legal advice or to discuss:

24           (a) Noncompliance of a member state with its obligations  
 25   under the compact;

26        (b) The employment, compensation, discipline or other  
 27 matters, practices, or procedures related to specific employees;

28        (c) Current or threatened discipline of a licensee by the  
 29 commission or by a member state's licensing authority;

30        (d) Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated  
 31 litigation;

32        (e) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or  
 33 sale of goods, services, or real estate;

34        (f) Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring  
 35 any person;

36        (g) Trade secrets or commercial or financial information  
 37 that is privileged or confidential;

38        (h) Information of a personal nature if disclosure would  
 39 constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

40        (i) Investigative records compiled for law enforcement  
 41 purposes;

42        (j) Information related to any investigative reports  
 43 prepared by or on behalf of or for use by the commission or the  
 44 executive committee or other committees of the commission  
 45 responsible for investigating or determining compliance with the  
 46 compact;

47        (k) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by  
 48 federal or member state law; or

49        (l) Other matters as adopted by the commission by rule.

50        (2) Recordings, minutes, and records generated during any

51 portion of an exempt meeting are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s.  
52 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

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

57 Section 2. (1) The Legislature finds that it is a public  
58 necessity that any portion of a meeting of the Social Work  
59 Licensure Interstate Compact Commission or the executive  
60 committee or other committees of the commission in which any  
61 information in s. 491.022, Florida Statutes, is discussed be  
62 made exempt from s. 286.011, Florida Statutes, and s. 24(b),  
63 Article I of the State Constitution.

64 (2) The Social Work Licensure Interstate Compact requires  
65 that any portion of a meeting in which any information in s.  
66 491.023(1), Florida Statutes, is discussed be closed to the  
67 public. In the absence of a public meetings exemption, this  
68 state would be prohibited from becoming a member state of the  
69 compact. Thus, this state would be unable to effectively and  
70 efficiently administer the compact.

71 (3) The Legislature also finds that it is a public  
72 necessity that the recordings, minutes, and records generated  
73 during any portion of a meeting in which any information in s.  
74 491.022, Florida Statutes, is discussed be made exempt from s.  
75 119.07(1), Florida Statutes, and s. 24(a), Article I of the

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76 | State Constitution. Release of such information would negate the  
77 | public meetings exemption. As such, the Legislature finds that  
78 | the public records exemption is a public necessity.

79 |       Section 3. This act shall take effect on the same date  
80 | that HB 99 or similar legislation takes effect, if such  
81 | legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an  
82 | extension thereof and becomes law.