

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to public meetings; amending s.
3 286.011, F.S.; providing that specified entities may
4 meet in private with their attorneys to discuss
5 certain claims concerning private property rights;
6 specifying what may be discussed during such closed
7 meetings; requiring that such meetings be transcribed;
8 providing that such transcripts become public records
9 at specified times; providing an effective date.

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

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13 **Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 286.011, Florida**
14 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

15 286.011 Public meetings and records; public inspection;
16 criminal and civil penalties.—

17 (8) Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (1), any
18 board or commission of any state agency or authority or any
19 agency or authority of any county, municipal corporation, or
20 political subdivision, and the chief administrative or executive
21 officer of the governmental entity, may meet in private with the
22 entity's attorney during the 90-day notice period specified in
23 s. 70.001(4) to discuss claims submitted in accordance with that
24 subsection, and may meet in private with the entity's attorney
25 to discuss pending litigation to which the entity is presently a

26 party before a court or administrative agency, provided that the
27 following conditions are met:

28 (a) The entity's attorney shall advise the entity at a
29 public meeting that he or she desires advice concerning the
30 litigation or concerning a claim submitted in accordance with s.
31 70.001(4).

32 (b) The subject matter of the meeting must ~~shall~~ be
33 confined to settlement negotiations or strategy sessions related
34 to litigation expenditures or relating to a claim submitted in
35 accordance with s. 70.001(4).

36 (c) The entire session must ~~shall~~ be recorded by a
37 certified court reporter. The reporter shall record the times of
38 commencement and termination of the session, all discussion and
39 proceedings, the names of all persons present at any time, and
40 the names of all persons speaking. No portion of the session may
41 ~~shall~~ be off the record. The court reporter's notes must ~~shall~~
42 be fully transcribed and filed with the entity's clerk within a
43 reasonable time after the meeting.

44 (d) The entity shall give reasonable public notice of the
45 time and date of the attorney-client session and the names of
46 persons who will be attending the session. The session must
47 ~~shall~~ commence at an open meeting at which the persons chairing
48 the meeting shall announce the commencement and estimated length
49 of the attorney-client session and the names of the persons
50 attending. At the conclusion of the attorney-client session, the

51 meeting must ~~shall~~ be reopened, and the person chairing the
52 meeting shall announce the termination of the session.

53 (e) The transcript must ~~shall~~ be made part of the public
54 record upon conclusion of the litigation, upon settlement of a
55 claim under s. 70.001, or upon the expiration of the statute of
56 limitations for the claim arising under chapter 70 in the event
57 that no litigation is filed and there is no settlement of a
58 claim under s. 70.001.

59 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.