

HOUSE BILL No. 4782

May 14, 1997, Introduced by Rep. Voorhees and referred to the Committee on Colleges and Universities.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 267, entitled
"Open meetings act,"
by amending section 8 (MCL 15.268), as amended by 1996 PA 464.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 8. A public body may meet in a closed session only for
2 the following purposes:
3 (a) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining
4 of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to con-
5 sider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer,
6 employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named person
7 requests a closed hearing. A person requesting a closed hearing
8 may rescind the request at any time, in which case the matter at
9 issue shall be considered after the rescission only in open
10 sessions.

1 (b) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining
2 of a student if the public body is part of the school district,
3 intermediate school district, or institution of higher education
4 that the student is attending, and if the student or the
5 student's parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

6 (c) For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the
7 negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either nego-
8 tiating party requests a closed hearing.

9 (d) To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to
10 the time an option to purchase or lease that real property is
11 obtained.

12 (e) To consult with its attorney regarding trial or settle-
13 ment strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but
14 only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect
15 on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.

16 (f) To review and consider the contents of an application
17 for employment or appointment to a public office if the candidate
18 requests that the application remain confidential. However,
19 except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, all interviews
20 by a public body for employment or appointment to a public office
21 shall be held in an open meeting pursuant to this act. This sub-
22 division does not apply to a public office described in subdivi-
23 sion (j).

24 (g) Partisan caucuses of members of the state legislature.

25 (h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclo-
26 sure by state or federal statute.

1 (i) For a compliance conference conducted ~~by the department~~
2 ~~of commerce~~ under section 16231 of the public health code, ~~Act~~
3 ~~No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 333.16231 of~~
4 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws~~ 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16231, before a
5 complaint is issued.

6 (j) In the process of searching for and selecting a presi-
7 dent of an institution of higher education established under sec-
8 tion 4, 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of
9 1963, to review the specific contents of an application, to con-
10 duct an interview with a candidate, or to discuss the specific
11 qualifications of a candidate if the particular process of
12 searching for and selecting a president of an institution of
13 higher education meets all of the following requirements:

14 (i) The search committee in the process, appointed by the
15 governing board, consists of at least 1 student of the institu-
16 tion, 1 faculty member of the institution, 1 administrator of the
17 institution, 1 alumnus of the institution, and 1 representative
18 of the general public. The search committee also may include 1
19 or more members of the governing board of the institution, but
20 the number shall not constitute a quorum of the governing board.
21 However, the search committee shall not be constituted in such a
22 way that any 1 of the groups described in this subparagraph con-
23 stitutes a majority of the search committee.

24 (ii) After the search committee recommends the 5 final can-
25 didates, the governing board does not take a vote on a final
26 selection for the president until at least 30 days after the 5

1 final candidates have been publicly identified by the search
2 committee.

3 (iii) THE INTERVIEWS OF THE 5 FINAL CANDIDATES ARE CONDUCTED
4 IN AN OPEN SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD.

5 (iv) ~~(iii)~~ The deliberations and vote of the governing
6 board of the institution on selecting the president take place in
7 an open session of the governing board.