

HOUSE BILL No. 5907

November 6, 2014, Introduced by Rep. Crawford and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

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 of,
4 or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a
5 periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff
6 member, or individual agent, if the named person requests a closed
7 hearing. A person requesting a closed hearing may rescind the
8 request at any time, in which case the matter at issue shall be
9 considered after the rescission only in open sessions.

10 (b) To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of
11 a student if the public body is part of the school district,

1 intermediate school district, or institution of higher education
2 that the student is attending, and if the student or the student's
3 parent or guardian requests a closed hearing.

4 (c) For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the
5 negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either
6 negotiating party requests a closed hearing.

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

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

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

21 (g) Partisan caucuses of members of the state legislature **OR**
22 **OF MEMBERS OF A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

23 (h) To consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure
24 by state or federal statute.

25 (i) For a compliance conference conducted by the department of
26 ~~commerce~~ **LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS** under section 16231 of
27 the public health code, ~~Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978,~~

1 ~~being section 333.16231 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, 1978 PA 368,~~
2 **MCL 333.16231**, before a complaint is issued.

3 (j) In the process of searching for and selecting a president
4 of an institution of higher education established under section 4,
5 5, or 6 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963, to
6 review the specific contents of an application, to conduct an
7 interview with a candidate, or to discuss the specific
8 qualifications of a candidate if the particular process of
9 searching for and selecting a president of an institution of higher
10 education meets all of the following requirements:

11 (i) The search committee in the process, appointed by the
12 governing board, consists of at least 1 student of the institution,
13 1 faculty member of the institution, 1 administrator of the
14 institution, 1 alumnus of the institution, and 1 representative of
15 the general public. The search committee also may include 1 or more
16 members of the governing board of the institution, but the number
17 shall not constitute a quorum of the governing board. However, the
18 search committee shall not be constituted in such a way that any 1
19 of the groups described in this subparagraph constitutes a majority
20 of the search committee.

21 (ii) After the search committee recommends the 5 final
22 candidates, the governing board does not take a vote on a final
23 selection for the president until at least 30 days after the 5
24 final candidates have been publicly identified by the search
25 committee.

26 (iii) The deliberations and vote of the governing board of the
27 institution on selecting the president take place in an open

1 session of the governing board.