

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 34

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

PUBLIC MEETINGS. Authorizes a city or parish school board or a parish governing authority to discuss economic development projects in executive session. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:17(A), relative to open meetings; to provide for use of  
3 executive session among school boards and local governing authorities; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 42:17(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §17. Exceptions to open meetings

8 A. A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for  
9 one or more of the following reasons:

10 (1) Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or  
11 mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least  
12 twenty-four hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, before the  
13 scheduled time contained in the notice of the meeting at which such executive  
14 session is to take place and that such person may require that such discussion be held  
15 at an open meeting. However, nothing in this Paragraph shall permit an executive  
16 session for discussion of the appointment of a person to a public body or, except as  
17 provided in R.S. 39:1593(C)(2)(c), for discussing the award of a public contract. In

1 cases of extraordinary emergency, written notice to such person shall not be  
2 required; however, the public body shall give such notice as it deems appropriate and  
3 circumstances permit.

4 (2) Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining,  
5 prospective litigation after formal written demand, or litigation when an open  
6 meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of  
7 the public body.

8 (3) Discussion regarding the report, development, or course of action  
9 regarding security personnel, plans, or devices.

10 (4) Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct.

11 (5) Cases of extraordinary emergency, which shall be limited to natural  
12 disaster, threat of epidemic, civil disturbances, suppression of insurrections, the  
13 repelling of invasions, or other matters of similar magnitude.

14 (6) Any meeting of the State Mineral and Energy Board at which records or  
15 matters entitled to confidential status by existing law are required to be considered  
16 or discussed by the board with its staff or with any employee or other individual,  
17 firm, or corporation to whom such records or matters are confidential in their nature,  
18 and are disclosed to and accepted by the board subject to such privilege, for the  
19 exclusive use in evaluating lease bids or development covering state-owned lands  
20 and water bottoms, which exception is proved pursuant to and consistently with the  
21 Public Records Act, being Chapter 1 of Title 44 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
22 of 1950, as amended, and other such statutes to which the board is subject.

23 (7) Discussions between a city or parish school board and individual students  
24 or the parents or tutors of such students, or both, who are within the jurisdiction of  
25 the respective school system, regarding problems of such students or their parents  
26 or tutors; provided however that any such parent, tutor, or student may require that  
27 such discussions be held in an open meeting.

28 (8) Discussions among a city or parish school board, a parish governing  
29 authority, or a municipality regarding an economic development project for

1 which the industrial tax exemption program is being sought.

2 (9) Presentations and discussions at meetings of civil service boards of test  
3 questions, answers, and papers produced and exhibited by the office of the state  
4 examiner, municipal fire and police civil service, pursuant to R.S. 33:2492 or 2552.

5 ~~(9)~~(10) The portion of any meeting of the Second Injury Board during which  
6 records or matters regarding the settlement of a workers' compensation claim are  
7 required to be considered or discussed by the board with its staff in order to grant  
8 prior written approval as required by R.S. 23:1378(A)(6).

9 ~~(10)~~(11) Or any **Any** other matters now provided for or as may be provided  
10 for by the legislature.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Mitchell Carter.

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SB 34 Original DIGEST 2018 Regular Session Walsworth

Proposed law authorizes a city or parish school board or a parish governing authority to discuss economic development projects for which the industrial tax exemption program is being sought.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 42:17(A))