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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF PUBLIC
AGENCIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (6) of section 1-200 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2016*):

4 (6) "Executive sessions" means a meeting of a public agency at
5 which the public is excluded for one or more of the following
6 purposes: (A) Discussion concerning the appointment, employment,
7 performance, evaluation, health or dismissal of a public officer or
8 employee, provided that such individual may require that discussion
9 be held at an open meeting; (B) strategy and negotiations with respect
10 to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency or a
11 member thereof, because of the member's conduct as a member of such
12 agency, is a party until such litigation or claim has been finally
13 adjudicated or otherwise settled; (C) matters concerning security
14 strategy or the deployment of security personnel, or devices affecting

15 public security; (D) discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale
16 or purchase of real estate by the state or a political subdivision of the
17 state when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase or
18 construction would adversely impact the price of such site, lease, sale,
19 purchase or construction until such time as all of the property has been
20 acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been
21 terminated or abandoned; [and] (E) discussion of any matter which
22 would result in the disclosure of public records or the information
23 contained therein described in subsection (b) of section 1-210; and (F)
24 consultation with an attorney of the public agency concerning legal
25 matters.

26 Sec. 2. Section 1-231 of the general statutes is repealed and the
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

28 [(a)] At an executive session of a public agency, attendance shall be
29 limited to members of said body and persons invited by said body to
30 present testimony or opinion pertinent to matters before said body,
31 provided that such persons' attendance shall be limited to the period
32 for which their presence is necessary to present such testimony or
33 opinion and, provided further, that the minutes of such executive
34 session shall disclose all persons who are in attendance except job
35 applicants who attend for the purpose of being interviewed by such
36 agency.

37 [(b) An executive session may not be convened to receive or discuss
38 oral communications that would otherwise be privileged by the
39 attorney-client relationship if the agency were a nongovernmental
40 entity, unless the executive session is for a purpose explicitly permitted
41 pursuant to subdivision (6) of section 1-200.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	1-200(6)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	1-231

Statement of Purpose:

To permit public agencies to convene an executive session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from an attorney.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]