SENATE BILL No. 70

By Senators Francisco and Baumgardner

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AN ACT concerning open meetings; relating to justifications for closed or executive meetings; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-4319 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-4319 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4319. (a) Upon formal motion made, seconded and carried, all public bodies and agencies subject to the open meetings act may recess, but not adjourn, open meetings for closed or executive meetings. Any motion to recess for a closed or executive meeting shall include a statement of: (1) The justification for closing the meeting; (2) a statement describing the subjects to be discussed during the closed or executive meeting; (2) the justification listed in subsection (b) for closing the meeting; and (3) the time and place at which the open meeting shall resume. Such motion, including the required statement, shall be recorded in its entirety in the minutes of the meeting and shall be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the public body or agency. Discussion during the closed or executive meeting shall be limited to those subjects stated in the motion.

(b) No subjects shall be discussed at any closed or executive meeting, except that justifications for recess to a closed or executive meeting may only include the following, the need:

(1) To discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel;
(2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship;
(3) matters relating to discuss employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative or representatives of the public body or agency;
(4) confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships;
(5) to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student, patient or resident of a public institution, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by the person;
(6) preliminary discussions relating to the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property;
(7) to discuss matters relating to parimutuel racing permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8804, and amendments thereto;

(8) to discuss matters relating to the care of children permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 38-2212(d)(1), and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 38-2213(e), and amendments thereto;

(9) to discuss matters relating to district coroners the investigation of child deaths permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 22a-243(j), and amendments thereto;

(10) matters permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 44-596(e), and amendments thereto;

(11) to discuss matters relating to patients and providers permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 39-7,119(g), and amendments thereto;

(12) to discuss matters relating to security measures, if the discussion of such matters at an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures, that protect: (A) Systems, facilities or equipment used in the production, transmission or distribution of energy, water or communications services; (B) transportation and sewer or wastewater treatment systems, facilities or equipment; (C) a public body or agency, public building or facility or the information system of a public body or agency; or (D) private property or persons, if the matter is submitted to the public body or agency for purposes of this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, security means measures that protect against criminal acts intended to intimidate or coerce the civilian population, influence government policy by intimidation or coercion or to affect the operation of government by disruption of public services, mass destruction, assassination or kidnapping. Security measures include, but are not limited to, intelligence information, tactical plans, resource deployment and vulnerability assessments;

(13) to discuss matters relating to maternity centers and child care facilities permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 65-525(f)(d), and amendments thereto; and

(14) to discuss matters relating to the office of inspector general permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 75-7427, and amendments thereto; and

(15) to discuss matters permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 46-3801, and amendments thereto.

(c) No binding action shall be taken during closed or executive recesses, and such recesses shall not be used as a subterfuge to defeat the
purposes of this act.
(d) (1) Any confidential records or information relating to security
measures provided or received under the provisions of subsection (b)(13)
(12), shall not be subject to subpoena, discovery or other demand in any
administrative, criminal or civil action.
(2) (A) Except as otherwise provided by law, any confidential
documents, records or reports relating to the prisoner review board
provided or received under the provisions of subsection (b)(16) shall not
be subject to subpoena, discovery or other demand in any administrative,
criminal or civil action.
(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any
summary statement provided or received under the provisions of
subsection (b)(16) shall not be subject to subpoena, discovery or other
demand in any administrative, criminal or civil action.
Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-4319 is hereby repealed.
Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.