
SENATE BILL 5907

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By Senator Amondson

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1 AN ACT Relating to government; and adding a new section to chapter
2 42.30 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 42.30 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 This chapter shall not be construed to prevent a governing body of
7 a public agency from holding up to four executive sessions during a
8 calendar year. The governing body may exclude members of the public
9 and the media from executive sessions. The purpose of the executive
10 session shall be to allow the members of the governing body to discuss
11 freely all matters relating to the governance or management of the
12 agency, including, but not limited to, personnel, policy,
13 administration, and goals. An executive session may be called, upon
14 forty-eight hours' notice, by the presiding officer or by a quorum of
15 the governing body, who shall publicly announce the time and place of
16 the session. Such sessions shall be subject to the following
17 guidelines and limitations:

1 (1) All sessions shall be recorded by an electronic recording
2 device. A transcript shall not be made of the recording except as
3 provided in this section.

4 (2) A session shall not last longer than four hours, exclusive of
5 adjournments.

6 (3) No personnel action may be taken by the governing body against
7 an agency employee for a period of sixty days after an executive
8 session if that action was discussed in the session, but the governing
9 body may meet in executive session within the sixty-day period pursuant
10 to RCW 42.30.110(1)(f). In the event personnel action is taken against
11 an employee of the agency, the employee shall be entitled to a
12 transcript of that portion of any session pertaining to the personnel
13 action.

14 (4) No action may be taken during an executive session.

15 (5) Attendance at an executive session may be compelled by the
16 rules of the governing body.

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