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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring public employee collective bargaining
2 sessions to be open meetings; amending RCW 42.30.140; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 42.30 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.30.140 and 1990 c 98 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 If any provision of this chapter conflicts with the provisions of
8 any other statute, the provisions of this chapter shall control:
9 PROVIDED, That this chapter shall not apply to:

10 (1) The proceedings concerned with the formal issuance of an order
11 granting, suspending, revoking, or denying any license, permit, or
12 certificate to engage in any business, occupation, or profession or to
13 any disciplinary proceedings involving a member of such business,
14 occupation, or profession, or to receive a license for a sports
15 activity or to operate any mechanical device or motor vehicle where a
16 license or registration is necessary; or

17 (2) That portion of a meeting of a quasi-judicial body which
18 relates to a quasi-judicial matter between named parties as

1 distinguished from a matter having general effect on the public or on
2 a class or group; or

3 (3) Matters governed by chapter 34.05 RCW, the Administrative
4 Procedure Act; or

5 (4)(a) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations,
6 including (~~contract negotiations,~~) grievance meetings(~~(7)~~) and
7 discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor
8 agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing
9 body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by
10 the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining,
11 professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or
12 reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while
13 in progress.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 42.30 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations
17 involving contract negotiations must be open to the public.

18 (2) Any individual collective bargaining session may be private if
19 both the employee organization, or its representative, and the public
20 agency, or its representative, agree in writing to waive the open
21 meeting requirement.

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