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CHAPTER 289

AN ACT to create 14.90 of the statutes, relating to open meetings of governmental bodies and agencies.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

14.90 of the statutes is created to read:

14.90 PUBLIC POLICY OF THE STATE. (1) In recognition of the fact that a representative government of the American type is dependent upon an informed electorate, it is declared to be the policy of the state that the public is entitled to the fullest and most complete information regarding the affairs of government as is compatible with the conduct of governmental affairs and the transaction of governmental business.

(2) To implement and insure the public policy herein expressed, all meetings of all state and local governing and administrative bodies, boards, commissions, committees and agencies, including municipal and quasi-municipal corporations, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, shall be publicly held and open to all citizens at all times, except as hereinafter provided. No formal action of any kind shall be introduced, deliberated upon or adopted at any closed executive session or closed meeting of any such body.

(3) Nothing herein contained shall prevent executive or closed sessions for purposes of:

- (a) Deliberating after judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing;
- (b) Considering employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion, compensation, licensing or discipline of any public employe or person licensed

by a state board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person, unless an open meeting is requested by the employe or person charged, investigated or otherwise under discussion;

(c) Probation, parole, crime detection and prevention;

(d) Deliberating or negotiating on the purchasing of public property, the investing of public funds, or conducting other public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons require closed sessions;

(e) Financial, medical, social or personal histories and disciplinary data which may unduly damage reputations;

(f) Conferences between any local government or committee thereof, or administrative body, and its attorney concerning the legal rights and duties of such agency with regard to matters within its jurisdiction.

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