
SENATE BILL NO. 115—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS)

FEBRUARY 22, 2005

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security

SUMMARY—Authorizes governing bodies of local governments and advisory bodies to such governing bodies to hold closed meetings concerning matters relating to security and terrorism in certain circumstances. (BDR 19-601)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to meetings of public bodies; authorizing the governing bodies of local governments and advisory bodies to such governing bodies to hold closed meetings concerning matters relating to security and terrorism in certain circumstances; providing that records of such meetings are confidential; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security to hold closed meetings to receive security briefings, discuss procedures for responding to acts of terrorism and related emergencies and discuss security deficiencies relating to public services, public facilities and infrastructure. Under existing law, information and materials prepared for the Commission for such a closed meeting or received by the Commission during such a closed meeting and the minutes and any audiovisual or electronic reproduction of such a closed meeting are confidential and are not subject to subpoena, discovery or public inspection. (NRS 239C.140)

This bill authorizes the governing body of a local government and any advisory body to the governing body of a local government to hold closed meetings for the same purposes as the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security. This bill also provides the same confidentiality for information and materials, minutes and reproductions relating to those closed meetings.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 241 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The governing body of a local government and any advisory body to such a governing body may hold a closed meeting to:

(a) Receive security briefings;

(b) Discuss procedures for responding to acts of terrorism and related emergencies; or

(c) Discuss deficiencies in security with respect to public services, public facilities and infrastructure,

↪ if the governing body or advisory body determines, upon a majority vote of its members, that the public disclosure of such matters would be likely to compromise, jeopardize or otherwise threaten the safety of the public.

2. The governing body of a local government or an advisory body to such a governing body may close a meeting pursuant to this section upon a motion which specifies the nature of the business to be considered.

3. All information and materials prepared for the governing body of a local government or any advisory body to such a governing body for a meeting closed pursuant to subsection 1 or received by the governing body or advisory body during such a meeting and all minutes and audiovisual, electronic or other reproductions of such a meeting are confidential, not subject to subpoena or discovery, and not subject to inspection by the general public.

4. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "act of terrorism" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 239C.030.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

