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The School Board Transparency Act. An Initiated Statute.

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SECTION 1. 24-6-402 (1) (a) and (4) (e), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

24-6-402. Meetings - open to public. (1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) (I) "Local public body" means any board, committee, commission, authority, or other advisory, policy-making, rule-making, or formally constituted body of any political subdivision of the state and any public or private entity to which a political subdivision, or an official thereof, has delegated a governmental decision-making function but does not include persons on the administrative staff of the local public body.

(II) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (a), in order to assure school board transparency "local public body" shall include members of a board of education, school administration personnel, or a combination thereof who are involved in a meeting with a representative of employees at which a collective bargaining agreement is discussed.

(4) The members of a local public body subject to this part 4, upon the announcement by the local public body to the public of the topic for discussion in the executive session, including specific citation to the provision of this subsection (4) authorizing the body to meet in an executive session and identification of the particular matter to be discussed in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose for which the executive session is authorized, and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum present, after such announcement, may hold an executive session only at a regular or special meeting and for the sole purpose of considering any of the following

matters; except that no adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action, except the review, approval, and amendment of the minutes of an executive session recorded pursuant to subparagraph (II) of paragraph (d.5) of subsection (2) of this section, shall occur at any executive session that is not open to the public:

(e) (I) Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators.

(II) The provisions of subparagraph (I) of this paragraph (e) shall not apply to a meeting of the members of a board of education of a school district:

(A) During which negotiations relating to collective bargaining, as defined in section 8-3-104 (3), C.R.S., are discussed; or

(B) During which negotiations for employment contracts, other than negotiations for an individual employee's contract, are discussed.

SECTION 2. 22-32-109.4, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

22-32-109.4. "Colorado School Collective Bargaining Agreement Sunshine Act" - board of education - specific duties. (4) Any meeting of a board of education at which a collective bargaining agreement is discussed shall be open to the public and any notice required by section 24-6-402(2) (c), C.R.S., shall be given prior to the meeting.