



- 1 not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of  
2 the General Statutes.
- 3 (2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree,  
4 scholarship, prize, or similar award.
- 5 (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in  
6 order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and  
7 the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General  
8 policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing  
9 herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting  
10 that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or  
11 retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may  
12 consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling  
13 or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or  
14 administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or  
15 considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on  
16 behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall  
17 be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as  
18 possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded.
- 19 (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or  
20 other businesses in the area served by the public body, including  
21 agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that  
22 may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The action  
23 approving the signing of an economic development contract or  
24 commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic  
25 development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session.
- 26 (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents  
27 concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body  
28 in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or  
29 proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase,  
30 option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and  
31 other material terms of an employment contract or proposed  
32 employment contract.
- 33 (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character,  
34 fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment  
35 of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public  
36 officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or  
37 grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee.  
38 General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed  
39 session. A public body may not consider the qualifications,  
40 competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal  
41 of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider  
42 or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open  
43 meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal

- 1                   by a public body having final authority for the appointment or  
2                   discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.
- 3           (7)    To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged  
4                   criminal misconduct.
- 5           (8)    To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency  
6                   response to incidents of school violence.
- 7           (9)    To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it  
8                   relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings  
9                   by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency  
10                  service officials concerning actions taken or to be taken to respond to  
11                  such activity."
- 12           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.