

CHAPTER 86

GOVERNMENT - STATE

SENATE BILL 97-059

BY SENATORS Alexander, Arnold, Chlouber, and Norton;
also REPRESENTATIVE Tool.

AN ACT

CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLIC BODIES TO MAKE PUBLIC A LIST OF FINALISTS BEING CONSIDERED FOR ANY POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO APPOINTING OR EMPLOYING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 24-6-402 (3.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended to read:

24-6-402. Meetings - open to public. (3.5) A search committee of a state public body or local public body shall establish job search goals, including the writing of the job description, deadlines for applications, requirements for applicants, selection procedures, and the time frame for appointing or employing a chief executive officer of an agency, authority, institution, or other entity at an open meeting. ~~A list of all finalists being considered for a position shall be made public by the search committee no less than fourteen days prior to the first interview conducted for the position.~~ THE STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC BODY SHALL MAKE PUBLIC THE LIST OF ALL FINALISTS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO APPOINTING OR EMPLOYING ONE OF THE FINALISTS TO FILL THE POSITION. NO OFFER OF APPOINTMENT OR EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE MADE PRIOR TO THIS PUBLIC NOTICE. Records submitted by or on behalf of a finalist for such position shall be subject to the provisions of section 24-72-204 (3) (a) (XI). As used in this subsection (3.5), "finalist" shall have the same meaning as in section 24-72-204 (3) (a) (XI). Nothing in this subsection (3.5) shall be construed to prohibit a search committee from holding an executive session to consider appointment or employment matters not described in this subsection (3.5) and otherwise authorized by this section.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 14, 1997