

Senate Engrossed House Bill

advisory committee; subcommittee; exemption

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CHAPTER 168
HOUSE BILL 2231

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 38-431.08, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PROCEEDINGS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 38-431.08, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 38-431.08. Exceptions; limitation

5 A. This article does not apply to:

6 1. Any judicial proceeding of any court or any political caucus of
7 the legislature.

8 2. Any conference committee of the legislature, except that all
9 such meetings shall be open to the public.

10 3. The commissions on appellate and trial court appointments and
11 the commission on judicial qualifications.

12 4. Good cause exception and central registry exception
13 determinations and hearings conducted by the board of fingerprinting
14 pursuant to sections 41-619.55 and 41-619.57.

15 5. THE EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS AMONG A QUORUM OF A THREE-MEMBER
16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE THAT INVOLVES A DISCUSSION OR
17 DELIBERATION CONCERNING A MATTER BEFORE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR
18 SUBCOMMITTEE. THE THREE-MEMBER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE MAY NOT
19 INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE MEMBER WHO IS A MEMBER OF ANY PUBLIC BODY.

20 B. A hearing held within a prison facility by the board of
21 executive clemency is subject to this article, except that the director of
22 the state department of corrections may:

23 1. Prohibit, on written findings that are made public within five
24 days ~~of~~ AFTER so finding, any person from attending a hearing whose
25 attendance would constitute a serious threat to the life or physical
26 safety of any person or to the safe, secure and orderly operation of the
27 prison.

28 2. Require a person who attends a hearing to sign an attendance
29 log. If the person is over sixteen years of age, the person shall produce
30 photographic identification that verifies the person's signature.

31 3. Prevent and prohibit any articles from being taken into a
32 hearing except recording devices and, if the person who attends a hearing
33 is a member of the media, cameras.

34 4. Require that a person who attends a hearing submit to a
35 reasonable search on entering the facility.

36 C. The exclusive remedies available to any person who is denied
37 attendance at or removed from a hearing by the director of the state
38 department of corrections in violation of this section shall be those
39 remedies available in section 38-431.07, as against the director only.

40 D. Either house of the legislature may adopt a rule or procedure
41 pursuant to article IV, part 2, section 8, Constitution of Arizona, to
42 provide an exemption to the notice and agenda requirements of this article
43 or to allow standing or conference committees to meet through
44 technological devices rather than only in person.

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