

H. 497 -- Amendments to the Vermont Open Meeting Law, Proposal of Amendment by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Regarding the Ability to Enter Executive Session for Legal Proceedings

Existing Law	H. 497 as Passed the House	VLCT Recommendation of Amendment to H. 497
<p>A public body may not hold an executive session except to consider one or more of the following:</p> <p>(1) Contracts, labor relations agreements with employees, arbitration, mediation, grievances, civil actions, or prosecutions by the State, where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the State, municipality, other public body, or person involved at a substantial disadvantage;</p>	<p>(b) A public body may not hold an executive session except to consider one or more of the following:</p> <p>***</p> <p><u>(10) After making a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage:</u></p> <p>***</p> <p><u>(E) Professional legal advice in connection with pending or imminent civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party.</u></p>	<p>(b) A public body may not hold an executive session except to consider one or more of the following:</p> <p>***</p> <p><u>(10) After making a specific finding that premature general public knowledge would place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage:</u></p> <p>***</p> <p><u>(E) Professional legal advice in connection with pending or imminent civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or <i>anticipates it</i> may <i>become</i> a party.</u></p>