

CHAPTER 2023-282

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 935

An act relating to chiefs of police; creating s. 166.0494, F.S.; prohibiting a municipality from terminating a chief of police without providing the chief of police written notice; requiring a municipality to allow a chief of police to appear and provide a full and complete response to his or her termination at a specified public meeting; prohibiting an employment contract from including certain provisions; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 166.0494, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

166.0494 Chiefs of police; termination.—

(1) A municipality may not terminate a chief of police without providing the chief of police written notice of his or her termination.

(2) After providing a chief of police written notice of his or her termination, a municipality must allow the chief of police to appear at the next regularly scheduled public meeting of the governing body of the municipality and provide a full and complete response to his or her termination at the meeting.

(3) An employment contract between a municipality and a chief of police may not waive or modify the requirements of this section or include a nondisclosure clause that prohibits a chief of police from responding to his or her termination as authorized by this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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