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**LEGAL ALERT**

**Certain Independent Contractors and Volunteers Can Now Be Discussed In Closed Session**

Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act has been amended, effective August 26, 2019, to provide that a public body may hold a closed meeting to consider not only the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, but also specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Previously that first closed session exception under the Open Meetings Act only allowed a public body to hold closed meetings to consider employment matters for specific employees of the public body.

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