

## **8-44-201. Labor negotiations between public employee union and state or local government.**

### **Statute text**

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of Tennessee law to the contrary, labor negotiations between representatives of public employee unions or associations and representatives of a state or local governmental entity shall be open to the public, whether or not the negotiations by the state or local governmental entity are under the direction of the legislative, executive or judicial branch of government.

(b) Nothing contained in the section shall be construed to require that planning or strategy sessions of either the union committee or the governmental entity committee, meeting separately or with the entity it represents, be open to the public.

(c) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to grant recognition rights of any sort.

(d) Both sides shall decide jointly and announce in advance of any such labor negotiations where such meetings shall be held.

### **History**

[Acts 1979, ch. 41, § 1, T.C.A., § 8-4421, Acts 2009, ch 293, § 1.]