

SENATE No. 2195

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jacob R. Oliveira

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the executive session interview process.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jacob R. Oliveira

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester

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By Mr. Oliveira, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2195) of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to consider or interview applicants for executive sessions. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to the executive session interview process.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 21 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended in
2 subsection (a) by deleting paragraph 8 and inserting in place thereof the following:-

3 8. To consider or interview applicants, including the preparation of interview questions
4 for employment or appointment by a preliminary screening committee if the chair declares that
5 an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants; provided,
6 however that this clause shall not apply to any meeting, including meetings of a preliminary
7 screening committee, to consider and interview applicants who have passed a prior preliminary
8 screening; nothing in this section shall prohibit all members of a school committee, city council,
9 town council, select board, or board of alderman from participating as members of the
10 preliminary screening committee meeting in executive session for the purposes of this section.