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Read for the Second Time

A bill for an act

relating to local government; prohibiting municipalities from entering into nondisclosure agreements; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[471.3435] NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "municipality" means a county, home rule charter or statutory city, or town and includes any person acting in their capacity as an employee, elected official, appointed official, or other representative of a municipality.

Subd. 2. **Nondisclosure agreements restricted.** (a) A municipality must not enter into a nondisclosure agreement or other contract restricting the municipality from disclosing information to members of the public, except as required by state or federal law.

(b) Any agreement or contract, or term of an agreement or contract, that violates paragraph (a) is void and unenforceable.

(c) If a contract contains a provision that is void and unenforceable under paragraph (b), the provision must be severed from the other provisions of the contract to the extent that the provision is void and unenforceable. The fact that the provision is void and unenforceable does not affect the other provisions of the contract.

(d) A municipality must publicly disclose any contract or agreement that the municipality has entered into that violates paragraph (a).

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.