

HOUSE BILL 139

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Health and Government Operations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by ~~Delegate O'Donnell~~ Delegates O'Donnell and Krebs

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Training for Public~~ **Open Meetings Act – Training for Public Bodies**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board to~~
4 ~~develop and offer an online training program on the requirements of the open~~
5 ~~meetings law to employees, officers, or members of a public body;~~ requiring a
6 public body to designate certain individuals to receive certain ~~online~~ training;
7 requiring the public body to submit a list of the individuals designated to
8 receive certain ~~online~~ training to the State Open Meetings Law Compliance
9 Board; requiring certain individuals designated to receive certain ~~online~~
10 training to complete the training within a certain time period; ~~requiring certain~~
11 ~~individuals to complete certain annual online training;~~ and generally relating to
12 ~~online training on the requirements of the Open Meetings Act~~ and training for
13 public bodies.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,
 2 Article – State Government
 3 Section 10–502.4(d)
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

6 BY adding to
 7 Article – State Government
 8 Section 10–502.7
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – State Government**

14 10–502.4.

15 (d) The Board, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General and
 16 other interested organizations or persons, shall:

17 ~~(1)~~ develop and conduct educational programs on the requirements of
 18 the open meetings law for the staffs and attorneys of:

19 ~~{(1)}~~ ~~(I)~~ public bodies;

20 ~~{(2)}~~ ~~(II)~~ the Maryland Municipal League; and

21 ~~{(3)}~~ ~~(III)~~ the Maryland Association of Counties; ~~AND~~

22 ~~(2) DEVELOP AND OFFER AN ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM ON THE~~
 23 ~~REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW TO EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, OR~~
 24 ~~MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC BODY.~~

25 **10–502.7.**

26 (A) EACH PUBLIC BODY SHALL:

27 (1) DESIGNATE ~~INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS,~~
 28 ~~OR MEMBERS~~ AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE, AN OFFICER,
 29 OR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BODY TO RECEIVE ~~ONLINE~~ TRAINING ON THE
 30 REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND

1 (2) FORWARD A LIST OF THE INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED UNDER
2 ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE BOARD.

3 ~~(B) (1) EACH INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF~~
4 ~~THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLETE THE ONLINE TRAINING ON THE~~
5 ~~REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER BEING~~
6 ~~DESIGNATED.~~

7 ~~(2) AFTER THE INITIAL TRAINING COMPLETED UNDER~~
8 ~~PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL COMPLETE~~
9 ~~ANNUAL ONLINE TRAINING THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION REGARDING:~~

10 ~~(I) AMENDMENTS TO THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW;~~

11 ~~(II) WRITTEN OPINIONS OF THE BOARD; AND~~

12 ~~(III) HOW THE PUBLIC BODY CAN COMPLY WITH THE OPEN~~
13 ~~MEETINGS LAW WITH REGARD TO CHANGING TECHNOLOGY.~~

14 (B) WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER BEING DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION
15 (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL COMPLETE:

16 (1) AN ONLINE CLASS ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN
17 MEETINGS LAW OFFERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND
18 THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S INSTITUTE FOR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE
19 AND RESEARCH; OR

20 (2) A CLASS ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS
21 LAW OFFERED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES OR THE
22 MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE THROUGH THE ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN
23 LOCAL GOVERNANCE.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the initial individuals
25 designated under § 10-502.7(a)(1) of the State Government Article, as enacted by
26 Section 1 of this Act, shall complete the ~~online~~ training on the requirements of the
27 open meetings law within 6 months after the effective date of this Act.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2013.