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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Open Meetings Act – Public Body – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “public body” for the purposes of the
4 Open Meetings Act to include a multimember subcommittee of a standing
5 committee of either house of the General Assembly; and generally relating to
6 the Open Meetings Act.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – State Government
9 Section 10–502(h)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Government**

15 10–502.

16 (h) (1) “Public body” means an entity that:

17 (i) consists of at least 2 individuals; and

18 (ii) is created by:

19 1. the Maryland Constitution;

20 2. a State statute;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) any judicial nominating commission;
- 2 (iii) any grand jury;
- 3 (iv) any petit jury;
- 4 (v) the Appalachian States Low Level Radioactive Waste
5 Commission established in § 7–302 of the Environment Article;
- 6 (vi) except when a court is exercising rulemaking power, any
7 court established in accordance with Article IV of the Maryland Constitution;
- 8 (vii) the Governor’s cabinet, the Governor’s Executive Council as
9 provided in Title 8, Subtitle 1 of this article, or any committee of the Executive
10 Council;
- 11 (viii) a local government’s counterpart to the Governor’s cabinet,
12 Executive Council, or any committee of the counterpart of the Executive Council;
- 13 (ix) except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, a
14 subcommittee of a public body as defined under paragraph (2)(i) of this subsection;
- 15 (x) the governing body of a hospital as defined in § 19–301 of
16 the Health – General Article; and
- 17 (xi) a self–insurance pool that is established in accordance with
18 Title 19, Subtitle 6 of the Insurance Article or § 9–404 of the Labor and Employment
19 Article by:
- 20 1. a public entity, as defined in § 19–602 of the
21 Insurance Article; or
- 22 2. a county or municipal corporation, as defined in §
23 9–404 of the Labor and Employment Article.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2014.