

SENATE BILL 295

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By: **The President (By Request – Administration) and Senators Bates, Cassilly, Eckardt, Edwards, Hershey, Hough, Jennings, Klausmeier, Ready, Reilly, Serafini, and Simonaire**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transparency Act of 2018**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the General Assembly to make available to the public certain
4 video streaming of certain meetings of the Senate of Maryland, the House of
5 Delegates of Maryland, and certain standing committees of the General Assembly;
6 and generally relating to video streaming of meetings of the General Assembly.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – State Government

9 Section 2–101(b), (d), and (f)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article – State Government

14 Section 2–1805

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – State Government**

20 2–101.

21 (b) “House” means the House of Delegates of Maryland.

22 (d) “Senate” means the Senate of Maryland.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) “Standing committee” means:

2 (1) a standing committee of the Senate, as set forth in the Senate rules; or

3 (2) a standing committee of the House, as set forth in the House rules.

4 **2-1805.**

5 **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC LIVE AND**
6 **ARCHIVED VIDEO STREAMING OF EACH MEETING OF THE SENATE, THE HOUSE, AND**
7 **A STANDING COMMITTEE, INCLUDING ANY HEARINGS OR VOTING SESSIONS HELD BY**
8 **A STANDING COMMITTEE.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2018.