

May 27, 2022

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
H-101 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 375 – *Open Meetings Act – Application and Enhanced Requirements (Maryland State Agency Transparency Act of 2022)*.

This bill repeals exemptions from Open Meetings Act requirements for specified independent and regional development units; recodifies existing enhanced open meetings requirements that apply to specified public bodies; and expands the application of enhanced open meeting requirements to include certain boards of directors. For entities specified in the bill, a project site visit or educational field tour may not be considered a meeting of the body if no organizational business is conducted.

Senate Bill 269, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 375.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor