
By: **Delegate Harkins**
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics - Open Meetings and Public**
3 **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that all meetings of the Joint Committee on Legislative
5 Ethics be open to the public; requiring that certain information relating to
6 complaints received by and investigations conducted by the Committee shall be
7 public information; and generally relating to the procedures of the Joint
8 Committee on Legislative Ethics.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - State Government
11 Section 2-705 and 15-516
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - State Government**

17 2-705.

18 (A) The Committee shall meet at the times and places that it determines.

19 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, ALL MEETINGS OF
20 THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

21 15-516.

22 Each statement filed or prepared pursuant to § 15-515 of this subtitle [and the
23 fact that it has been filed or prepared], any preliminary summary prepared pursuant
24 to § 15-517 of this subtitle, all information relating to any proceedings under this
25 Part II emanating from the statement including proceedings of an investigating
26 committee pursuant to § 15-521 of this subtitle, and any reports thereupon are
27 [confidential and, except as permitted by this Part II or upon the written request of
28 the legislator involved, shall remain confidential] PUBLIC INFORMATION.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1998.