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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Open Meetings Act - Public Bodies**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the definition of "public body" to include certain  
4 corporations; expanding the exceptions to the definition of "public body";  
5 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the State Open  
6 Meetings Act.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - State Government  
9 Section 10-502(h)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 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;



1 (ix) the governing body of a hospital as defined in § 19-301(f) of the  
2 Health - General Article; [and]

3 (x) a self-insurance pool that is established in accordance with  
4 Title 19, Subtitle 6 of the Insurance Article or § 9-404 of the Labor and Employment  
5 Article by:

6 1. a public entity, as defined in § 19-602 of the Insurance  
7 Article; or

8 2. a county or municipal corporation, as defined in § 9-404 of  
9 the Labor and Employment Article; AND

10 (XI) THE GOVERNING BODY, AFFILIATES, AND COMMITTEES OF:

11 1. THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES;

12 2. THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE;

13 3. THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF  
14 EDUCATION;

15 4. THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY  
16 COLLEGES; AND

17 5. THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 1998, and shall be applicable to meetings held on or after October 1, 1998,  
20 of entities that are "public bodies" as a result of this Act.