

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 340 (Senator Conway. *et al.*)

Economic & Environmental Affairs

Open Meetings Act - Public Bodies

This bill provides that the Open Meetings Act applies to Maryland corporations governed by a body of which at least half the members are required by the corporation's articles of incorporation or bylaws to be appointees of a public officer or employee. In addition, the Maryland Association of Counties, the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, and the Maryland Association of Election Officials are declared not to be public bodies.

This bill is applicable to meetings held on or after October 1, 1998 by those entities which are declared "public bodies" by this bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is procedural in nature.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

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