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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board - Duties**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision concerning the date by which the
4 State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board shall conduct certain educational
5 programs; altering the date by which the Board shall submit an annual report;
6 repealing a certain provision concerning the contents of the annual report of the
7 Board; and generally relating to the duties of the State Open Meetings Law
8 Compliance Board.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - State Government
11 Section 10-502.4
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 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 10-502.4.

18 (a) The Board shall receive, review, and resolve complaints from any person
19 alleging a violation of the provisions of this subtitle and issue a written opinion as to
20 whether a violation has occurred.

1 (b) The Board shall receive and review any complaint alleging a prospective
2 violation of the provisions of this subtitle as provided under § 10-502.6 of this
3 subtitle.

4 (c) The Board shall study ongoing compliance with the provisions of this
5 subtitle by public bodies and make recommendations to the General Assembly for
6 improvements in this subtitle.

7 (d) [On or before January 1, 1992, the] THE Board, in conjunction with the
8 Office of the Attorney General and other interested organizations or persons, shall
9 develop and conduct educational programs on the requirements of the open meetings
10 law for the staffs and attorneys of:

11 (1) public bodies;

12 (2) the Maryland Municipal League; and

13 (3) the Maryland Association of Counties.

14 (e) (1) On or before [July] OCTOBER 1 of each year, the Board shall submit
15 an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

16 (2) The report shall include a description of:

17 (i) the activities of the Board;

18 (ii) the opinions of the Board in any cases brought before it;

19 (iii) the number and nature of complaints filed with the Board,
20 including a discussion of complaints concerning the reasonableness of the notice
21 provided for meetings; AND

22 (iv) [the impact on State and local governments of the provisions of
23 § 10-502(h)(2) of this article, including a discussion of how the affected entities have
24 adhered to the requirements of this subtitle; and

25 (v)] any recommendations for improvements to the provisions of this
26 subtitle.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2002.

