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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Open Meetings Act – Online Training**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board to  
4 develop and offer an online training program on the requirements of the open  
5 meetings law to employees, officers, or members of a public body and members  
6 of the general public; requiring a public body to designate certain individuals to  
7 receive certain online training; requiring the public body to submit a list of the  
8 individuals designated to receive certain online training to the Board; requiring  
9 certain individuals designated to receive certain online training to complete the  
10 training within a certain time period; requiring certain individuals to complete  
11 certain annual online training; and generally relating to online training on the  
12 requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – State Government  
15 Section 10–502.4(d)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

18 ~~BY adding to~~  
19 ~~Article – State Government~~  
20 ~~Section 10–502.7~~  
21 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



~~(2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)~~

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

**Article – State Government**

10–502.4.

(d) The Board, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General and other interested organizations or persons, shall:

(1) develop and conduct educational programs on the requirements of the open meetings law for the staffs and attorneys of:

[(1)] (I) public bodies;

[(2)] (II) the Maryland Municipal League; and

[(3)] (III) the Maryland Association of Counties; AND

(2) DEVELOP AND OFFER AN ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW TO EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, OR MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC BODY AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

~~10–502.7.~~

~~(A) EACH PUBLIC BODY SHALL:~~

~~(1) DESIGNATE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BODY TO RECEIVE ONLINE TRAINING ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW; AND~~

~~(2) FORWARD A LIST OF THE INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE BOARD.~~

~~(B) (1) EACH INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLETE THE ONLINE TRAINING ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER BEING DESIGNATED.~~

~~(2) AFTER THE INITIAL TRAINING COMPLETED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL COMPLETE ANNUAL ONLINE TRAINING THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION REGARDING:~~

- 1                    ~~(I) AMENDMENTS TO THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW;~~
- 2                    ~~(II) WRITTEN OPINIONS OF THE BOARD; AND~~
- 3                    ~~(III) HOW THE PUBLIC BODY CAN COMPLY WITH THE OPEN~~
- 4 ~~MEETINGS LAW WITH REGARD TO CHANGING TECHNOLOGY.~~

5                    ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the initial individuals~~  
 6 ~~designated under § 10-502.7(a)(1) of the State Government Article, as enacted by~~  
 7 ~~Section 1 of this Act, shall complete the online training on the requirements of the~~  
 8 ~~open meetings law within 6 months after the effective date of this Act.~~

9                    SECTION ~~3.~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
 10 effect October 1, 2011.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.