

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 157
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in its entirety line 2 and substitute “Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government – Study on Requiring Public Bodies to Provide Agendas Under the Open Meetings Act”; strike beginning with “a” in line 3 down through “public bodies” in line 5 and substitute “the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government to conduct a study on requiring public bodies to provide agendas under the Open Meetings Act; requiring that the study take into consideration certain factors; requiring the Joint Committee to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government and the Study on Requiring Public Bodies to Provide Agendas Under the Open Meetings Act”; and strike in their entirety lines 6 through 10, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 12, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 12, insert:

“(a) The Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government, as established under § 2-10A-14 of the State Government Article, shall conduct a study on the circumstances, if any, under which a public body should be required to provide agendas to the public in advance of meeting.

(b) The study shall take into consideration:

(1) input from:

(i) the Office of the Attorney General;

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- (ii) the Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association;
 - (iii) representatives of local and State government, including the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Municipal League; and
 - (iv) other parties that express interest in participating in the study; and
- (2) any other factors the Joint Committee determines are relevant.

(c) On or before January 1, 2015, the Joint Committee shall report its findings and any recommended legislation to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 1 through line 20 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 22, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after “2014.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.