

SENATE BILL 343

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request
– Departmental – State Ethics Commission)**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Committee Report: Favorable

Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Ethics – Advisory Bodies – Advisory Opinions and Informal Advice**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain advisory bodies to issue informal advice; specifying
4 that informal advice provided by certain advisory bodies is confidential and not
5 subject to certain requirements of the Public Ethics Law; and generally relating to
6 informal advice by certain advisory bodies to certain entities under the Public Ethics
7 Law.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – General Provisions
10 Section 5–301
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2014 Volume)

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

15 **Article – General Provisions**

16 5–301.

17 (a) **(1)** [On] **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ON** written
18 request of an entity subject to this title, the appropriate advisory body shall issue an
19 advisory opinion regarding the application of this title.

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.



1 **[(b)] (2)** On written request of any other entity, the appropriate advisory body
2 may issue an advisory opinion.

3 **(B) (1) THE APPROPRIATE ADVISORY BODY MAY ISSUE INFORMAL**
4 **ADVICE INSTEAD OF AN ADVISORY OPINION.**

5 **(2) INFORMATION RELATED TO INFORMAL ADVICE PROVIDED UNDER**
6 **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE**
7 **REQUIREMENTS OF § 5-303 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.