

SENATE BILL 474

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By: **Senators Benson, Currie, Guzzone, Kelley, Lee, Madaleno, and Peters**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Ethics – Local Public Ethics Commissions and Entities – Meeting and Reporting**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each local ethics commission or a certain entity to meet a
5 certain number of times each year; requiring each local ethics commission or a
6 certain entity to submit to the local governing body and to certain members of the
7 General Assembly a certain report on or before a certain date each year; and
8 generally relating to meeting and reporting requirements for local public ethics
9 commissions and entities.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – General Provisions
12 Section 5–807
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – General Provisions**

18 5–807.

19 (a) Subject to § 5–209 of this title, each county and each municipal corporation
20 shall enact provisions to govern the public ethics of local officials relating to:

21 (1) conflicts of interest;

22 (2) financial disclosure; and

23 (3) lobbying.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) EACH LOCAL ETHICS COMMISSION OR APPROPRIATE ENTITY SHALL**
2 **MEET AT LEAST THREE TIMES EACH YEAR.**

3 **[(b)] (C)** On or before October 1 of each year, each local ethics commission or
4 appropriate entity shall:

5 **(1)** certify to the Ethics Commission that the county or municipal
6 corporation is in compliance with the requirements of this part for elected local officials;
7 **AND**

8 **(2)** **SUBMIT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AND EACH MEMBER OF**
9 **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO REPRESENTS THAT JURISDICTION A REPORT ON THE**
10 **ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOCAL PUBLIC ETHICS LAWS BY THE LOCAL ETHICS**
11 **COMMISSION OR APPROPRIATE ENTITY THAT INCLUDES:**

12 **(I)** **THE NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THE PAST YEAR;**

13 **(II)** **WRITTEN COPIES OF MEETING AGENDAS AND MINUTES**
14 **FROM EACH MEETING HELD;**

15 **(III)** **A COPY OF THE SIGNED AND DATED ATTENDANCE SHEET**
16 **FROM EACH MEETING HELD; AND**

17 **(IV)** **ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION DETERMINED**
18 **BY THE LOCAL ETHICS COMMISSION OR APPROPRIATE ENTITY TO SHOW THE WORK**
19 **PERFORMED DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2018.