

# HOUSE BILL 973

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By: **Delegate Miller**

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Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Open Meetings Act – Enhanced Requirements for Educational Entities and**  
3 **Retention Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of making certain enhanced Open Meetings Act requirements applicable  
5 to certain educational entities; requiring certain entities subject to enhanced Open  
6 Meetings Act requirements to retain certain meeting minutes and recordings for a  
7 certain period of time; and generally relating to the Open Meetings Act and  
8 educational entities.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – General Provisions  
11 Section 3–307  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – General Provisions**

17 3–307.

18 (a) This section applies only to the following public bodies:

19 (1) the Board of Directors of the Bainbridge Development Corporation;

20 (2) the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority;

21 (3) the Maryland 9–1–1 Board;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) the Board of Directors of the Maryland Agricultural and  
2 Resource-Based Industry Corporation;

3 (5) the Board of Directors of the Maryland Clean Energy Center;

4 (6) the Board of Directors of the Maryland Economic Development  
5 Corporation;

6 (7) the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service;

7 (8) the Maryland Food Center Authority;

8 (9) the Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority;

9 (10) the Maryland Industrial Development Financing Authority;

10 (11) the Maryland Stadium Authority;

11 (12) the Maryland Transportation Authority;

12 (13) the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority;

13 (14) the Public Service Commission;

14 (15) the State Board of Elections;

15 (16) the Maryland Technology Development Corporation;

16 (17) the Historic St. Mary's City Commission;

17 (18) the State Ethics Commission;

18 (19) the Maryland Aviation Commission; [and]

19 (20) the Maryland Department of Transportation, with respect to quarterly  
20 public meetings held by the Vision Zero coordinator on the implementation of Vision Zero  
21 under § 8–1004 of the Transportation Article;

22 **(21) THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;**

23 **(22) THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD**  
24 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 5–402 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE; AND**

25 **(23) THE COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE**  
26 **3 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

1 (b) A public body specified in subsection (a) of this section shall make publicly  
2 available on its website:

3 (1) each open meeting agenda, together with a summary of any finalized  
4 documents, written testimony from the public, and other materials that the public body  
5 will vote on at the open meeting:

6 (i) at least 48 hours in advance of each meeting; or

7 (ii) if the meeting is being held due to an emergency, a natural  
8 disaster, or any other unanticipated situation, as far in advance of the meeting as  
9 practicable;

10 (2) meeting minutes from the portions of a meeting that were held in open  
11 session, not more than 2 business days after the minutes are approved; and

12 (3) subject to subsections (f) and (g) of this section, live video streaming of  
13 each portion of a meeting that is held in open session.

14 (c) To the extent practicable, each open meeting agenda shall indicate:

15 (1) whether the public body intends to adjourn the open session to a closed  
16 session; and

17 (2) if applicable, the expected time at which the public body intends to  
18 adjourn the open session to a closed session.

19 (d) (1) The public body shall approve meeting minutes in a timely manner.

20 (2) Each open meeting agenda shall include consideration of the meeting  
21 minutes from the most recent meeting.

22 (3) The requirement under paragraph (2) of this subsection does not apply  
23 to the agenda of an emergency meeting of a public body if consideration of the meeting  
24 minutes from the most recent meeting is not practicable because of the need to hold an  
25 emergency meeting.

26 (e) The public body shall maintain on its website:

27 (1) meeting minutes made available under subsection (b) of this section for  
28 a minimum of 5 years after the date of the meeting; and

29 (2) except as provided in subsections (f), (g), and (g-1) of this section, a  
30 complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for which live video  
31 streaming was made available under subsection (b) of this section for a minimum of 1 year  
32 after the date of the meeting.

1           **(E-1) THE PUBLIC BODY SHALL KEEP A COPY OF THE MINUTES OF EACH**  
2 **SESSION AND ANY RECORDING MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (E)(2) OF THIS SECTION**  
3 **FOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF THE SESSION.**

4           (f)     (1)     This subsection applies only to the Maryland Stadium Authority.

5                     (2)     If the Maryland Stadium Authority meets by telephone conference, the  
6 Authority shall:

7                             (i)     make publicly available on its website live audio streaming of  
8 each portion of the meeting that is held in open session; and

9                             (ii)    maintain on its website a complete and unedited archived audio  
10 recording of each meeting for which live audio streaming was made available for a  
11 minimum of 1 year after the date of the meeting.

12          (g)     (1)     This subsection applies only to the Maryland Transportation Authority.

13                     (2)     The Maryland Transportation Authority is required to provide live  
14 video streaming of a meeting only if the meeting is held at:

15                             (i)     the headquarters of the Maryland Transportation Authority; or

16                             (ii)    a location where the Maryland Transportation Authority held at  
17 least 10 meetings during the immediately preceding calendar year.

18          (g-1)    The Maryland Department of Transportation, with respect to quarterly public  
19 meetings held by the Vision Zero coordinator on the implementation of Vision Zero under §  
20 8-1004 of the Transportation Article, shall maintain on its website a complete and unedited  
21 archived video recording of the meeting for a minimum of 5 years after the date of the  
22 meeting.

23          (h)     The Department of Information Technology shall provide the technical staff,  
24 support, and equipment necessary to livestream the open meetings of:

25                     (1)     the Maryland Transportation Authority;

26                     (2)     the State Board of Elections; and

27                     (3)     the State Ethics Commission.

28                     (i)     For purposes of this title, a project site visit or educational field tour may not  
29 be considered a meeting of a public body listed under subsection (a) of this section if no  
30 organizational business is conducted.

31                     (j)     Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent a public body from  
32 altering the agenda of a meeting after the agenda has been made available to the public.

1           (k)    The requirements of this section are in addition to the other requirements of  
2 this subtitle.

3           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2026.