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Testimony in Support of HB 1064 (MC/PG 101-25)
Montgomery County Planning Board and Washington Suburban Sanitary
Commission – Open Meetings – Live Streaming Requirement

This bill would alter the live streaming requirements for meetings of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and the Montgomery County Planning Board.

Under existing law, both WSSC and the Montgomery County Planning Board are subject to the requirements of the Maryland Open Meetings Act. Additionally, these specific entities are required to go above and beyond the Open Meetings Act by live streaming the video and/or audio of all open meetings.¹

HB 1064, as amended during the bi-county bill process, exempts educational field tours and project site visits from the live streaming requirements so long as no official business is conducted. All requirements of the Open Meetings Act are preserved under this bill.

The bill, as amended, has the support of both the Montgomery County House Delegation and the Prince George's County House Delegation.

¹ HB 789 of 2021 and HB 396 of 2022.