

Maryland already provides that all meetings of the Executive agencies of State Government shall be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, Although that section of the Code does not prevent any such agency from having executive sessions, neither does it or any other part of the Code specifically authorize or require such sessions; and

WHEREAS, Article 41, Section 15 of the Code provides that the Governor shall have supervision and direction over the officers and agencies assigned to the Executive Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER:

1. Definitions:

- (a) As used in this Executive Order, the following terms have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Advisory function" means the rendering of advice or recommendations to an executive public body or an official of the Executive Department, and the study or evaluation of public issues, policies, and matters preparatory to the rendering of such advice or recommendations, pursuant to a lawful delegation of that responsibility by the executive public body or official.
- (c) "Executive function" means the administration or application of the laws of Maryland or the rules, regulations, or by-laws of the executive public body.
- (d) "Executive public body" means an entity consisting of two or more persons that:
 - (1) is created by or pursuant to statute enacted by the General Assembly, or by Executive Order of the Governor; and
 - (2) is assigned to the Executive Department of the State Government.

The term "executive public body" does not include the Governor's Executive Council