

Article - State Government

Section 10-502.4

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

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(a) The Board shall receive, review, and resolve complaints from any person alleging a violation of the provisions of this subtitle and issue a written opinion as to whether a violation has occurred.

(b) The Board shall receive and review any complaint alleging a prospective violation of the provisions of this subtitle as provided under § 10-502.6 of this subtitle.

(c) The Board shall study ongoing compliance with the provisions of this subtitle by public bodies and make recommendations to the General Assembly for improvements in this subtitle.

(d) [On or before January 1, 1992, the] THE Board, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General and other interested organizations or persons, shall develop and conduct educational programs on the requirements of the open meetings law for the staffs and attorneys of:

- (1) public bodies;
- (2) the Maryland Municipal League; and
- (3) the Maryland Association of Counties.

(e) (1) On or before [July] OCTOBER 1 of each year, the Board shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

(2) The report shall include a description of:

- (i) the activities of the Board;
- (ii) the opinions of the Board in any cases brought before it;
- (iii) the number and nature of complaints filed with the Board, including a discussion of complaints concerning the reasonableness of the notice provided for meetings; AND

(iv) [the impact on State and local governments of the provisions of § 10-502(h)(2) of this article, including a discussion of how the affected entities have adhered to the requirements of this subtitle; and

(v)] any recommendations for improvements to the provisions of this subtitle.