



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 270

February Session, 2002

Substitute Senate Bill No. 514

Senate, April 3, 2002

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. FONFARA of the 1st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDAS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 1-225 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2002*):

4 (c) The agenda of the regular meetings of every public agency,
5 except for the General Assembly, shall be available to the public and
6 shall be filed, not less than twenty-four hours before the meetings to
7 which they refer, [in such agency's regular office or place of business
8 or, if there is no such office or place of business,] (1) in the office of the
9 Secretary of the State for any such public agency of the state, in the
10 office of the clerk of such subdivision for any public agency of a
11 political subdivision of the state or in the office of the clerk of each
12 municipal member of any multitown district or agency, as the case

13 may be, and (2) in the agency's regular office or place of business, if
14 any. Upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of a
15 public agency present and voting, any subsequent business not
16 included in such filed agendas may be considered and acted upon at
17 such meetings.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

GAE *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDAS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes a dual filing requirement for public agencies that must give the public at least 24-hours advance notice of the agenda for their regular meetings. Under current law, the agencies must file agendas in their regular office or place of business. If there is no such place, state agencies must file them in the secretary of the state's office, and municipal agencies and multi-town districts or agencies must file them in the relevant town clerk's office. The bill requires the agencies to file them in both their own office and the other appropriate office.

The dual filing requirement, like the current single requirement, applies to all public agencies except the General Assembly, Division of Criminal Justice, and Judicial branch agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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