

# OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

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sHB-5269

## AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Freedom of Information Com.	GF - Cost	99,513	99,513
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits <sup>1</sup>	GF - Cost	40,333	40,333
Various State Agencies	Various - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund; Various=Various

#### **Municipal Impact:**

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

### **Explanation**

This bill allows public agencies to continue holding remote and hybrid meetings after April 30, 2022. To handle an increased caseload related to the ongoing requirements of this bill, one Staff Attorney 2 position will be required at a staffing cost of \$99,513 to the Freedom of Information Commission and fringe benefit cost of \$40,333 to the Office of the State Comptroller. This results in an annualized cost of \$139,846 to the state.

Municipalities and state agencies that continue to offer electronic meetings after April 30, 2022, will continue to incur any ongoing costs

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<sup>1</sup>The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

associated with such meetings. These costs, which are expected to be minimal, include annual software licensing renewal, or replacement of electronic equipment.

***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.