

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-5459

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ONLINE POSTING OF MEETING NOTICES OF

**Title:** STATE PUBLIC AGENCIES.

**Vote Date:** 3/28/2022

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/18/2022

**File No.:**

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

The bill would require the posting of the notice of all public agencies of the state's meetings on the Secretary of the State's Internet web site.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

**Ms. Colleen Murphy, Executive Director and General Council, Freedom of Information Commission:** They offered testimony in support of this legislation. They believe that this bill will allow for greater access to the records and meetings of state public agencies.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Ms. Michele Jacklin, Legislative Co-Chair, Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information:** They support this proposal, specifically the change to Sec. 6, which permits members of the public to use hand-held scanning devices to copy public records. This is a commonsense change that acknowledges the reality that the vast majority of residents possess mobile phones and routinely use them to take photographs.

**Mr. John Vamos, Director of Research and Policy, House Republican Office:** They are in favor of this bill. Their office believes all state agency proceedings should be conducted transparently and that the public should have a one-stop-shop to determine exactly who is doing what and when.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

**Mr. David Godbout, Constituent**: He expressed oppositions to all bills put forward by the committee under the claim of nullification.

**Reported by: Richard Ferrari**

**Date: 3/28/22**