



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

AN ACT REQUIRING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS AT PUBLIC AGENCY MEETINGS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-225 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (a) The meetings of all public agencies, except executive sessions, as
5 defined in subdivision (6) of section 1-200, shall be open to the public.
6 In any such meeting that is open to the public, each public agency shall
7 provide members of the public an opportunity to present oral testimony
8 on any item appearing on the agenda of such public agency for such
9 meeting during a public comment period designated by such public
10 agency. Each public agency may adopt rules and restrictions regarding
11 such comment periods, including, but not limited to, a limit on the total
12 amount of time allocated for public comment on specific agenda items
13 and for each individual speaker. The votes of each member of any [such]
14 public agency upon any issue before such public agency shall be

15 reduced to writing and made available for public inspection within
16 forty-eight hours and shall also be recorded in the minutes of the session
17 at which taken. Not later than seven days after the date of the session to
18 which such minutes refer, such minutes shall be available for public
19 inspection and posted on such public agency's Internet web site, if
20 available, except that no public agency of a political subdivision of the
21 state shall be required to post such minutes on an Internet web site. Each
22 public agency shall make, keep and maintain a record of the
23 proceedings of its meetings.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	1-225(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To require public comment periods at all public agency meetings.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]