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151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FORMERLY
HOUSE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 293

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO PUBLIC COMMENT AT OPEN MEETINGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend § 10004, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 10004. Open meetings.

(a)(1) Every meeting of all public bodies shall be open to the public except ~~those closed pursuant to~~ when closed under subsections (b), (c), ~~(d)~~ (d), and (h) of this section.

(2) A meeting that is open to the public under paragraph (a)(1) of this section must include time for public comment, unless the meeting is of a public body within the General Assembly which is governed by the rules of proceedings adopted under § 9 of Art. II of the Delaware Constitution.

a. The time for public comment must provide a meaningful opportunity for the public to engage with the public body.

b. A public body may impose reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on the length of the public comment period and the amount of time allotted for each public comment.

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