



## Information Memo

### School Districts

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# New Provision of the Open Meetings Law Goes Into Effect February 2, 2012

On January 3, 2012, an amendment to the Open Meetings Law was enacted that impacts governmental agencies such as school districts and municipalities. The amendment was enacted in response to recommendations made by the Committee on Open Government and has been codified as Section 103(e) of the Public Officers Law. The law goes into effect on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

The new legislation requires two things:

- Any document that is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL"), as well as any proposed resolution, law, rule, regulation, policy or amendment thereto, that is scheduled to be discussed by a public body during an open meeting must be made available upon request either before the meeting or at the meeting during which the record will be discussed, "to the extent practicable" as determined by the governmental agency; and
- If the governmental agency maintains a regularly and routinely updated website that uses a high speed internet connection, all such records described above that are scheduled to be discussed must be posted on the website prior to the meeting, "to the extent practicable" as determined by the governmental agency.

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