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House Bill 1064

(Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation)

Environment and Transportation

Education, Energy, and the Environment

Montgomery County Planning Board and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Open Meetings - Live Streaming Requirement MC/PG 101-25

This bill clarifies that a project site visit or an educational field tour does not constitute an open meeting for the Montgomery County Planning Board or the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) if no organizational business is conducted; therefore, the requirement to stream live video or audio of specified open meetings is not applicable. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect the operations or finances of the Montgomery County Planning Board or WSSC.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Montgomery County Planning Board and WSSC are required to stream live video or live teleconference audio (or other audio) of open meetings, as specified. In addition, the Montgomery County Planning Board and WSSC must maintain on their respective websites a complete and unedited archived recording of each open meeting that is livestreamed.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Office of the Attorney General; Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission; Prince George's County; Department of Legislative Services

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