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Act No. 51 (S.59). An act relating to amendments to Vermont’s Open Meeting Law

Subjects: Open Meeting Law; general provisions; common law; general rights; public information

This act amends various sections of Vermont’s Open Meeting Law to provide a field visit and site inspection exception to the hybrid meeting requirement for State public bodies, provide a field visit and site inspection exception to the recording requirement for meetings of local public bodies, authorize municipal public bodies to post agendas and notices of special meetings in neighboring municipalities, require that all public bodies include sufficient detail within meeting agendas and list “proposed executive session” on a meeting agenda for any planned executive sessions, require certain State committees to receive Open Meeting Law training, require all public bodies to vote to conclude an executive session, and to provide a new basis for a motion to enter executive session to discuss confidential business information relating to the interest rates for publicly financed loans. This act also amends 13 V.S.A. § 1026 (disorderly conduct) to define “disturbs any lawful assembly or meeting of persons” and “meeting” in order to conform 13 V.S.A. § 1026(a)(4) to a relevant Supreme Court of Vermont decision and expressly state that the subdivision also applies to meetings of a public body under the Open Meeting Law.

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