State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 710

SENATE BILL NO. 2741

By Gardenhire, Haile

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2934

By Bricken

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 44, Part 1, relative to public meetings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-44-110, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead:

(a) At least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a regular meeting, a state governing body or a local government legislative body shall make available to the public, at no charge, the agenda for the upcoming regular meeting in a place accessible to the public. The agenda must reasonably describe the matters to be deliberated or acted upon during the public meeting.

(b) A state governing body or a local government legislative body may deliberate or act upon matters not listed on the agenda of its regular meeting if the body follows its bylaws or properly adopted rules and procedures and complies with all other applicable state laws.

(c) A state governing body or a local government legislative body shall not circumvent the spirit or requirements of this section by withholding items from an agenda for the purpose of avoiding public disclosure of business to be considered by the state governing body or a local government legislative body.

(d) A state governing body or a local government legislative body that maintains a website may make an agenda available to the public through the website. The website is considered a place that is accessible to the public for purposes of compliance with subsection (a).

(e) As used in this section, "local government legislative body" means the legislative body of an incorporated city or town, a metropolitan government, or a county.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: __April 1, 2024__

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RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

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CAMERON SEXTON, *SPEAKER*
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this __11th__ day of __April__ 2024

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BILL LEE, *GOVERNOR*