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Senate Bill 1261 (as enacted)  
Sponsor: Senator Adam Hollier  
Senate Committee: Elections and Government Reform  
House Committee: Committee of the Whole

**PUBLIC ACT 485 of 2018**

Date Completed: 3-13-19

**CONTENT**

The bill amends the Open Meetings Act to require a public body to establish procedures to accommodate the absence of any member of the public body due to military duty.

The Act requires all decisions of a public body to be made at a meeting open to the public. The bill requires a public body, except for a meeting of any State legislative body, to establish the following procedures to accommodate the absence of any member of the public body due to military duty:

- Procedures by which the absent member may participate in, and vote on, business before the public body, including, if feasible, procedures that ensure two-way communication.
- Procedures by which the public is provided notice of the absence of the member and information about how to contact that member sufficiently in advance of a meeting of the public body to provide input on any business that comes before the public body.

The bill will take effect on March 29, 2019.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill has no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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