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Senate Bill 1261 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Adam Hollier  
Committee: Elections and Government Reform

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend 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 would require the public body to establish procedures to accommodate the absence of any member of the public body due to military duty, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- Procedures by which the absent member could participate in, and vote on, business before the public body, including, if feasible, procedures that ensured two-way communication.
- Procedures by which the public was 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 would come before the public body.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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