HOUSE BILL 440

L20lr1027 By: St. Mary's County Delegation Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2020 Assigned to: Health and Government Operations Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: February 25, 2020 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act – Public Agencies and Use of New **Technology** FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "public agency" for purposes of the St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act to include the St. Mary's County Board of Library Trustees, the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission, and the St. Mary's County Housing Authority; encouraging certain public agencies to use new technology when available to aid in public accessibility and transparency; and generally relating to the St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Local Government Section 9-501 and 9-509 Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Volume and 2019 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Local Government 9-501.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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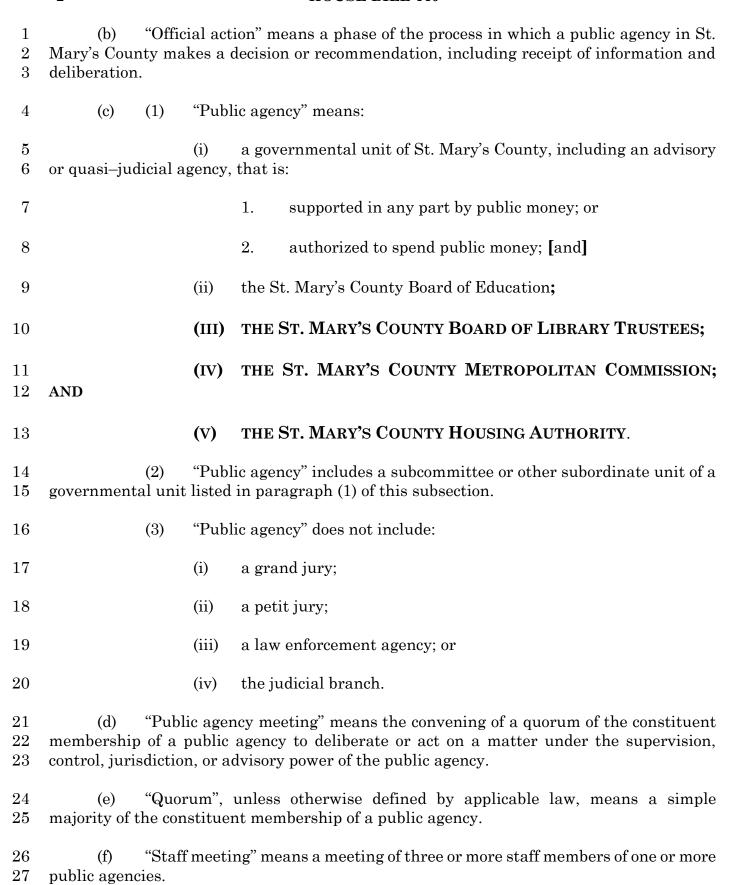
Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.



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(a) A public agency that conducts a meeting that is open to the public shall allow recorded or live radio and television broadcasting and the use of recording devices.
(b) A public agency may adopt rules and regulations regarding the recording and broadcasting of public agency meetings.
(C) PUBLIC AGENCIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE NEW TECHNOLOGY WHEN AVAILABLE TO AID IN PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSPARENCY.
SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.
Approved:
Governor.
Speaker of the House of Delegates.
President of the Senate.