



Monday, February 1, 2016

Capitol Contact ALERT – Call Today to Oppose Harmful FOIA Bill

[HB 800 \(Morris\)](#), which requires all closed sessions be recorded, was amended by the patron to mandate both recordings and that minutes be taken in closed session. These recordings and minutes would be available in any proceeding to enforce the Freedom of Information act.

VACo Members - please contact Delegates of the [House General Laws Committee](#) to **oppose** HB 800. The [House General Laws Committee](#) will take action on **Tuesday, February 2**.

TALKING POINTS

- If HB 800 passes – litigation to gain access to minutes and recordings will increase
- The bill would have a negative impact on discussions involving personnel and other sensitive topics in closed sessions
- The bill could negatively impact a locality's bargaining and negotiation position in economic development, real estate purchase and other matters if the records are compelled and released
- The bill would negatively impact attorney/client privileged communications in closed sessions

KEY CONTACTS

House General Laws Committee: [Gilbert \(Chairman\)](#), [Albo](#), [Wright](#), [Peace](#), [Anderson](#), [Greason](#), [Knight](#), [LeMunyon](#), [Helsel](#), [Robinson](#), [Yost](#).

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