

**House Local Government Committee Voting Meeting
Room 205 Ryan Office
Harrisburg, PA 17120
October 19, 2026
11:30 AM**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Legislation to be Considered

- **SB 1150 (Stefano)** – Would amend the Sunshine Act to clarify when an agency may add business to a meeting for an already published agenda.

Any Other Business

Adjournment

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Attachments:

- Sunshine Memo
- SB1150
- Analysis-SB 1150
- LGC Agenda for Voting Meeting on October 19 2026



Local Government Committee

State Representative Robert L. Freeman
Majority Chairman

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October 14, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House Local Government Committee
FROM: Rep. Robert L. Freeman, Majority Chairman
SUBJECT: Voting Meeting Notification – October 19, 2026

Please be advised that the House Local Government Committee will hold a voting meeting on **Monday, October 19, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in 205 Ryan Office Building.**

The agenda will consist of the following legislation as well as any other business that may come before the committee:

- **SB 1150 (Stefano)** – Amends the Sunshine Act to clarify when an agency may add business to a meeting for an already published agenda.

If you have any questions, please contact Jon Castelli, Executive Director at (717) 783-3815 or jcastell@pahouse.net.

Please notify Christina Consylman at cconsylm@pahouse.net with your attendance plans. If you will not be physically present at the meeting, please submit the applicable Vote by Designation Form or Official Leave Request Form to your respective chairman prior to the meeting. For those planning to participate virtually, a Teams link will be forthcoming.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1150 Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY STEFANO, COLEMAN, BAKER, KEEFER, KIM AND MARTIN,
JANUARY 23, 2026

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 23, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing
3 for notification of agency business required and exceptions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 712.1(a) and (e) of Title 65 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 712.1. Notification of agency business required and
9 exceptions.

10 (a) Official action.--Except as provided in subsection (b),
11 (c) [,] or (d) [or (e)], an agency may not take official action
12 on a matter of agency business at a meeting if the matter was
13 not included in the notification required under section 709(c.1)
14 (relating to public notice).

15 * * *

16 (e) Changes to agenda.--

17 [(1) Upon majority vote of the individuals present and
18 voting during the conduct of a meeting, an agency may add a

1 matter of agency business to the agenda. The reasons for the
2 changes to the agenda shall be announced at the meeting
3 before any vote is conducted to make the changes to the
4 agenda. The agency may subsequently take official action on
5 the matter added to the agenda. The agency shall post the
6 amended agenda on the agency's publicly accessible Internet
7 website, if available, and at the agency's principal office
8 location no later than the first business day following the
9 meeting at which the agenda was changed.

10 (2) This subsection shall not apply to a conference or a
11 working session under section 707 (relating to exceptions to
12 open meetings) or an executive session under section 708
13 (relating to executive sessions).]

14 (1) During the conduct of a meeting, an agency may add a
15 matter of agency business arising under subsection (b), (c)
16 or (d) to the agenda if:

17 (i) A majority of the individuals present and voting
18 approve the addition.

19 (ii) The reason for the change to the agenda is
20 announced at the meeting before any vote is conducted to
21 make the change to the agenda.

22 (2) After a vote under paragraph (1), the agency:

23 (i) May subsequently take official action on the
24 matter added to the agenda arising under subsection (b),
25 (c) or (d).

26 (ii) Shall post the amended agenda no later than the
27 first business day following the meeting at which the
28 agenda was changed in the following places:

29 (A) The agency's publicly accessible Internet
30 website, if available.

1 (B) The agency's principal office location.

2 (3) This subsection shall not apply to a conference or a
3 working session under section 707 (relating to exceptions to
4 open meetings) or an executive session under section 708
5 (relating to executive sessions).

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB1150 PN1399	Prepared By:	Ryan Carpenter (717) 783-3815
Committee:	Local Government	Executive Director:	Jon R. Castelli
Sponsor:	Stefano, Patrick		
Date:	10/8/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Would amend the Sunshine Act to clarify the 24-hour notice rule.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Section 712.1 of Title 65 (Public Officers) to clarify when an agency may add items to an agenda within 24 hours of a public meeting.

The legislation would allow agencies to add items to the agenda without public notice if they are related to only the following matters:

- Matters concerning a real or potential emergency involving a clear and present danger to life or property,
- Matters brought to the attention of the government entity within 24 hours of the meeting, de minimis in nature, and do not involve the expenditure of funds or entering into a contract, or
- Matters brought to the attention of the government entity by a resident or taxpayer at the meeting, de minimis in nature, and do not involve the expenditure of funds or entering into a contract.

If an agency adds one of these items to the agenda, they would need to do so by a majority vote of their governing body and announce the reason for the change prior to voting. After voting to amend the agenda the agency may take official action on the matter and shall post the amended agenda no later than the first business day following the meeting on their publicly accessible website and their principal office location.

This legislation would not apply to a conference, working, or executive sessions.

Effective Date:

Sixty days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Chapter 7 (Open Meetings), Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, also known as the Sunshine Act, requires Commonwealth agencies and political subdivisions to meet in public.

In 2021 the General Assembly amended the Sunshine Act to require meeting agendas of government entities to be published at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. It provided for certain exceptions to this 24-hour rule that could be brought up at a meeting without being published on the agenda 24-hours prior. Additionally, it provided that a government entity may add an item to the agenda at a meeting by a majority vote by the governing body.

In *Coleman v. Parkland School District* (2025) the Pennsylvania Supreme Court interpreted the 2021 changes as including four exceptions to the 24 hour-rule:

- Matters concerning a real or potential emergency involving a clear and present danger to life or property.
- Matters brought to the attention of the government entity within 24 hours of the meeting, de minimis in nature, and do not involve the expenditure of funds or entering into a contract.
- Matters brought to the attention of the government entity by a resident or taxpayer at the meeting, de minimis in nature, and do not involve the expenditure of funds or entering into a contract.
- A matter that was added to the agenda at the meeting by a majority vote.

This decision allows for any substantive matter to be added to the agenda at the meeting through a majority vote rather than providing the majority vote to be a procedure for considering certain issues that were not published on the agenda at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

N/A

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