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HB-5269

AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE MEETINGS UNDER THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Freedom of Information Com.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below
Various State Agencies	Various - Cost	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund; Various=Various

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Municipalities	Cost	Potential Minimal	Potential Minimal

Explanation

This amendment strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact.

This amendment allows public agencies to continue holding hybrid

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.53% of payroll in FY 23.

meetings after April 30, 2022 provided a quorum of the public agency is in-person and allows for participation. Depending on the caseload increase related to the ongoing requirements of this amendment, the Freedom of Information Commission may need to hire one Staff Attorney 2 position, with a potential cost of \$99,513 and fringe benefit cost of \$40,333 to the Office of the State Comptroller.

Municipalities and state agencies that continue to offer hybrid meetings after April 30, 2022 will continue to incur any ongoing costs associated with such meetings. These costs, which are expected to be minimal, include annual software licensing renewal, or replacement of electronic equipment.

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