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### Section

- 1**      **General principles; open meeting law.** Amends the open meeting law to provide that all closed meetings, except those closed as permitted by the attorney-client privilege, shall be recorded at the expense of the public body. Unless otherwise provided by law, requires the tapes to be preserved for at least three years after the date of the meeting.
- 2**      **Other remedies; open meeting law.** Provides that a court shall award reasonable attorney fees to a prevailing plaintiff if the government entity did not act in conformity with a prior written opinion of the commissioner of administration, and the court finds that the opinion is directly related to the cause of action being litigated and that the government entity did not act in conformity with the opinion.
- 3**      **Deference to commissioner's opinions.** Provides that a court shall give deference to an opinion issued by the commissioner of administration in a proceeding involving the open meeting law.