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Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to broadcasting  
open meetings of an agency or department

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 103 of the public officers law is amended by adding  
2     a new subdivision (f) to read as follows:  
3     (F) 1. OPEN MEETINGS OF AN AGENCY SHALL BE BROADCAST TO THE PUBLIC AND  
4     MAINTAINED AS RECORDS TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE  
5     AGENCY OR THE DEPARTMENT. IF THE AGENCY IN WHICH A PUBLIC BODY FUNCTIONS  
6     MAINTAINS A REGULARLY AND ROUTINELY UPDATED WEBSITE AND UTILIZES A HIGH  
7     SPEED INTERNET CONNECTION, SUCH OPEN MEETING SHALL BE STREAMED IN REAL-  
8     TIME, AND POSTED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER THE MEETING, ON THE  
9     WEBSITE, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, AS DETERMINED BY THE AGENCY.  
10    2. AN AGENCY MAY, BUT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO, EXPEND ADDITIONAL  
11    FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION.  
12    S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
13    have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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