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House Bill 4705 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Luke Meerman  
House Committee: Oversight  
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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Open Meetings Act to require certain public meetings be recorded in a manner that allowed for the capture of sound.

Specifically, under the bill, every meeting of a public body that is a State licensing board, State commission panel, or State rule-making board, except a meeting or part of a meeting held in closed session, would have to be recorded in a manner that allowed for the capture of sound, including in any of the following formats:

- A sound-only recording.
- A video recording with sound and picture.
- A digital or analog broadcast capable of being recorded.

A recording would have to be maintained for a minimum of one year from the date of the meeting in a format that could be reproduced upon a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have an indeterminate negative fiscal impact on State government. Under the bill, applicable public bodies that do not already possess means of recording meetings as required would need to purchase or rent appropriate equipment. Public bodies also could incur costs related to storage, but this likely would not require significant additional investments. However, it is possible that public bodies could incur additional compliance costs if records were requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

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