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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPEN MEETINGS

Introduced By: Representative K. Joseph Shekarchi

Date Introduced: March 09, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-46 of the General Laws entitled "Open Meetings" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **42-46-8.2. Voluntary adherence.** – Whenever any group, organization, or body, that is
4 not a public body, as defined by §42-46-2(c) decides, through its rules, writings, bylaws,
5 constitution, charter or the like, to be governed by chapter 46 of title 42 of the general laws, then
6 it shall be bound by all provisions of the open meetings law.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all groups, organizations, and bodies that are not public bodies and
2 yet nevertheless decide to follow the open meetings law, to be bound by all provisions of it.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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