

# ##\*\*Sunshine in Appalachia Act\*\*

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\*Whereas, a well educated electorate is a boon to democracy\*

\*Whereas, the people deserve to have transparency from their elected officials.\*

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*\*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Appalachia,\**

## **\*\*SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.\*\***

(1) This Act may be cited as the “Sunshine in Appalachia Act”.

## **\*\*SECTION 2. PROVISIONS.\*\***

(1) (General Statute Chapter 120)[<https://ncleg.gov/Laws/GeneralStatuteSections/Chapter120>] shall have a new article added as follows:

>ARTICLE 37. Appalachian Assembly Transparency Act

>>(a) All sessions of the Assembly shall be broadcasted live via video streaming in a manner that allows for free live viewing, archival, and replaying over the internet.

>>(b) No bills shall be brought before the assembly without appearing at least 48 hours before each reading of the bill on a publicly accessible online digital and physical calendar located near the chambers. This requirement may be waived by a three-quarters vote of the members of the assembly present and voting.

>>(c) The assembly may not conduct business before 7 AM EST or after 9 PM EST. This requirement may be waived by a three-quarters vote of the members of the assembly present and voting.

>>(d) All special provisions contained in the publicly available budget of the state shall have the member or members of the assembly who requested the provision indicated next to the provision and amount.

**\*\*SECTION 3. IMPLEMENTATION\*\***

(1) This bill will go into effect 30 days after being signed into law and will apply to all regular and special sessions of the assembly.

\*Respectfully submitted by Lt. Gov. Damarius\_Maneti\*