



October 19, 2023

INFORMATION ACTION

SUBJECT: BAGLEY-KEENE OPEN MEETING ACT REQUIREMENTS

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE

The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, set forth in Government Code sections 11120-11132, covers all state boards and commissions, including the California Children and Families Commission. Generally, it requires these bodies to publicly notice their meetings, prepare agendas, accept public testimony, and conduct their meetings in public unless specifically authorized by the Act to meet in closed session.

The overview provided during this item is designed to refresh the Commission's understanding regarding various aspects of the Act, including but not limited to, the purpose and intent, the bodies covered, what is considered a meeting, notice and agenda requirements, public participation, permitted closed session topics, and violations and remedies. The overview also will cover the statutory changes made with the enactment of Senate Bill 143 and Senate Bill 544.

This training will not only ensure shared understanding of the requirements of the Act but also help guide the Commission's requested discussion and analysis concerning the Commission meeting and advisory committee structures.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Commissioners were provided Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act training in October 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

None.