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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - OPEN MEETINGS

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Blazejewski, McEntee, Coughlin, and  
Solomon

Date Introduced: February 07, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

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 **42-46-8.1. Frivolous complaints.**

4 If the court finds an open meeting complaint frivolous, unreasonable, or groundless, and  
5 filed with the intent to harass, it may require the person filing the complaint to pay the defendant  
6 a reasonable attorneys' fee for defending against the complaint.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that if a court determines that an open meeting complaint was  
2 frivolous, unreasonable or groundless, and filed with the intent to harass, the court may require  
3 the person filing the complaint to pay the defendant reasonable attorneys' fees.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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