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## "SUNSHINE IN LEGISLATION" ACT

**House Bill 4247**

**Sponsor: Rep. Michael A. Prusi**

**Committee: House Oversight and Ethics**

**Complete to 2-10-97**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4247 AS INTRODUCED 2-6-97**

The bill would create a new act, the "sunshine in legislation" act, that would designate every amendment or substitute voted on by legislative committees or either house of the legislature "public information" and available to the public during the legislative session in which the amendment or substitute was offered. Not later than one year after the bill took effect, the Legislative Council would have to develop recommendations concerning the establishment of, and public access to, bill files. The recommendations would have to include all of the following :

- \*\* A copy of the bill as introduced in either house of the legislature;
- \*\* A copy of each amendment or substitute voted on by a state legislative committee or by either house of the legislature, plus the vote total for each vote;
- \*\* A copy of each legislative analysis of the bill distributed generally to legislators by the House Legislative Analysis Section, the Senate Fiscal Agency, or any other department or agency of the legislature;
- \*\* A copy of the enrolled bill; and
- \*\* A copy of any other information or materials the Legislative Council found useful for research of legislative history.

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