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The Freedom of Information Advisory Council (the Council) will be examining the feasibility and appropriateness of annual FOIA training for legislative agencies, councils, and commissions. Responding to recent concerns about the actions of some legislative agencies, both the chair and vice chair of the Council, Senator R. Edward Houck and Delegate Morgan Griffith, respectively, agreed that the Council should become more proactive in providing annual FOIA training to legislative bodies. According to Senator Houck and Delegate Griffith, "[T]hat any citizen feels excluded from any legislative branch agency or commission meeting is of concern and the issue should be examined." The Rights and Remedies Subcommittee of the Council has been charged by the Council to recommend a method to achieve this end in a feasible and appropriate manner.

The next meeting of the Rights and Remedies Subcommittee of the Council is scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2010 in the Speaker's Conference Room, Sixth Floor of the General Assembly Building in Richmond.

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