

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT Corrections and supplemental information
to Administrative Memorandum Number 122
(Open Meetings Law)

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There are two substantive corrections that should be made to Administrative Memorandum Number 122, dated August 31, 1979, concerning the rewritten Open Meetings Act:

1. On page 1, section A, in the first sentence of the third paragraph, delete the phrase "subject to the Open Meetings Act" and substitute the phrase "public bodies."
2. On page four, section (5)a, in the third line, immediately after the word "initial," delete the word "appointment" and substitute the word "employment."

In light of the complicated and unclear aspects of the Open Meetings Act I am also taking this occasion to refer to you for additional guidance a booklet entitled "Open Meetings and Local Government in North Carolina: Some Questions and Answers," second edition. This document was written by David M. Lawrence, professor at the Institute of Government and chief drafter of the new Open Meetings Act. While written in colloquial style, it contains caselaw citations where caselaw shaped answers to questions raised in the booklet. And, although addressed particularly to local government officials, the booklet is also relevant and informative in the higher education context of state government.

As Mr. Lawrence's booklet is copyrighted and published at some cost by the Institute of Government, you should order it in the quantities you think appropriate by sending \$2.00 plus sales tax per copy ordered to Institute of Government/P. O. Box 990/Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. You may avoid the sales tax if your campus bookstore (or other ordering entity) has a tax exemption number that is reported by number with the order.



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