

**R009-0910**

10     **A resolution concerning**  
20     GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

30     **WHEREAS:** The object of Maryland’s General Assembly is to be representative of the people; and,

50     **WHEREAS:** The Maryland Constitution stipulates: “That the right of the People to participate in the  
60     Legislature is the best security of liberty and the foundation of all free Government”; and,

70     **WHEREAS:** The best way for people to participate in the legislative process is to review proposed laws;  
80     and,

90     **WHEREAS:** In general, it is productive to hold governmental officials accountable for their conduct; and,

100    **WHEREAS:** For the people to participate in the legislative process and hold their governmental officials  
110    accountable they must understand the laws as they are written; and,

120    **WHEREAS:** For the public to come to understand legislation it must be publicly available and accessible.

130    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges the State to make all  
140    non-emergency legislation available online and in electronic form at Maryland public libraries for three  
150    days before voted on.

160    MANDATES:  
170    Martin O’Malley, Governor  
180    Michael Busch, Speaker of the House  
190    Kumar Barve, House Majority Leader  
200    Anthony O’Donnel, House Minority Leader  
210    Thomas V. Mike Miller, President of the Senate  
220    Edward Kasemeyer, Senate Majority Leader  
230    David Brinkley, Senate Minority Leader

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