

Ombudsman and PIACB Seeking Comments on Research Project

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Did you know that the PIA Compliance Board and Public Access Ombudsman were requested this year by the Chairmen of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and House Appropriations Committee to collect PIA compliance data from 23 state agencies, and to report out recommendations on ways to improve the PIA process? To see the Joint Chairmen's request—called a "Committee Narrative" request—visit <http://news.maryland.gov/mpiaombuds/committeenarrative2019/>.

As a first step in this research, we asked the agencies to complete qualitative and quantitative surveys. To see the survey instruments, click on the links below.

- [Qualitative Survey](#)
- [Quantitative Survey](#)

The Ombudsman and PIACB will be providing an update concerning the status of their work on the Committee Narrative project at the upcoming **PIACB Annual Meeting on Monday, Aug. 19th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at 200 St. Paul Place in Baltimore City (16th Floor Assembly Room in the OAG Office)**. Anyone interested in the work of the PIACB and Public Access Ombudsman, the PIA, or open government generally are welcome and invited to attend.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Janice Clark, program Administrator, at jclark@oag.state.md.us/.

And if you want to submit comments regarding the Committee Narrative Project, now or in the future, please feel free to do so via email (with "PIA Report Comment" in the subject line) to pia.ombuds@oag.state.md.us.

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