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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: General Government Subcommittee

Re: SB 106 Relating to public accountability in administering public records law

Senator Manning: "SB 106 creates the Office of the Public Records Advocate and a Public Records Advisory Council. The Public Records Advocate will facilitate dispute resolution between state agencies and those requesting public records. The Advocate will also be available for dispute resolution services upon request of a city or a person seeking records from a city. In addition, the Advocate will provide trainings to state agencies.

This bill allocates \$633,187 in General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services for the Advocate and one deputy.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 106 be amended by the –A17 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."