

SENATE BILL 484

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County Public Schools Funding Accountability and**
3 **Transparency Act**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to develop and
5 operate a certain Web site that includes certain information about certain payments;
6 specifying certain parameters of the Web site; requiring the Board to post certain
7 information in a timely manner; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
8 development and operation of a searchable Web site by the Anne Arundel County
9 Board of Education.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 5–119
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Education**

18 **5–119.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
20 **INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) (I) "PAYEE" MEANS ANY PARTY WHO RECEIVES FROM THE
2 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AN AGGREGATE PAYMENT OF
3 \$25,000 IN A FISCAL YEAR.

4 (II) "PAYEE" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

5 1. AN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL
6 EMPLOYEE WITH RESPECT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION; OR

7 2. AN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL
8 RETIREE WITH RESPECT TO THE RETIREE'S RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE.

9 (3) "SEARCHABLE WEB SITE" MEANS A WEB SITE CREATED IN
10 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION THAT DISPLAYS AND SEARCHES PAYMENT DATA
11 OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

12 (B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017, THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD
13 OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP AND OPERATE A SINGLE SEARCHABLE WEB SITE
14 ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT NO COST THROUGH THE INTERNET.

15 (C) THE SEARCHABLE WEB SITE SHALL CONTAIN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
16 BOARD OF EDUCATION PAYMENT DATA INCLUDING:

17 (1) THE NAME OF A PAYEE RECEIVING A PAYMENT;

18 (2) THE LOCATION OF A PAYEE BY ZIP CODE; AND

19 (3) THE AMOUNT OF ~~EACH PAYMENT MADE IN A FISCAL YEAR~~ A
20 PAYMENT.

21 (D) THE SEARCHABLE WEB SITE SHALL ALLOW THE USER TO:

22 (1) SEARCH DATA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND EACH YEAR
23 THEREAFTER; AND

24 (2) SEARCH BY THE FOLLOWING DATA FIELDS:

25 (I) A PAYEE RECEIVING A PAYMENT; AND

26 (II) THE ZIP CODE OF A PAYEE RECEIVING A PAYMENT.

27 (E) THE BOARD SHALL POST IN A TIMELY MANNER ON THE SEARCHABLE
28 WEB SITE THE PAYMENT DATA REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 **(F) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE**
2 **OF INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW.**

3 **(G) THIS SECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE ANNE**
4 **ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND**
5 **TRANSPARENCY ACT.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.