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## In Support of SB 244 - Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act - Non-budgeted State Agencies

### Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2008

- Established a searchable database of vendor payments made by state agencies in excess of \$25,000
  - <https://vendorpayments.maryland.gov/>
  - Managed by the Department of Information Technology
- Data is searchable and uploaded on an annual basis

### Areas for Improvement

- Annual disclosure timeframes are not sufficient to allow timely public oversight of state spending
  - Timely and effective public oversight is made difficult by data that is many months old
- Current statute does not require non-budgeted agencies to disclose vendor spending data
  - Non-budgeted agencies have independent revenue sources and the ability to make expenditures beyond the legislative appropriations process

### SB 244 Purpose - Enhance Transparency of State Vendor Spending

- Improves frequency of disclosure from yearly to monthly
  - On or before the 15th of the month following payment, spending data must be uploaded
  - Enhances public ability to provide oversight in a timely manner
- Includes a new definition of “agency” to capture non-budgeted agencies in disclosure requirements

**This same bill, HB 71, passed the House of Delegates unanimously in 2020.**