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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act – Nonbudgeted State**
3 **Agencies**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act
5 to require the Department of Information Technology to include in a certain
6 searchable website payments made by certain units of State government; requiring
7 the Department to update the payment data on the searchable website within a
8 certain period of time; repealing an obsolete provision; making a technical correction;
9 making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Maryland Funding
10 Accountability and Transparency Act.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Finance and Procurement
13 Section 3A–313
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

19 3A–313.

20 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (2) “AGENCY” INCLUDES A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT
22 RECEIVES FUNDS THAT ARE NOT APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 (ii) "Payee" does not include:

8 [(3)] (4) “Searchable [Web site] WEBSITE” means a [Web site] WEBSITE
9 created in accordance with this section that displays and searches State payment data.

10 (b) (1) [On or before January 1, 2009, the] THE Department shall develop and
11 operate a single searchable [Web site] WEBSITE, accessible to the public at no cost through
12 the Internet.

16 (c) The searchable [Web site] WEBSITE shall contain State payment data,
17 including:

18 (1) the name of a payee receiving a payment;

19 (2) the location of a payee by postal zip code:

20 (3) the amount of a payment; and

21 (4) the name of an agency making a payment.

22 (d) The searchable [Web site] WEBSITE shall allow the user to:

23 (1) search data for fiscal year 2008 and each year thereafter; and

24 (2) search by the following data fields:

25 (i) a payee receiving a payment;

26 (ii) an agency making a payment

27 (iii) the zip code of a payee receiving a

1 (e) State agencies shall provide appropriate assistance to the Secretary to ensure
2 the existence and ongoing operation of the single [Web site] WEBSITE.

3 (f) This section may not be construed to require the disclosure of information that
4 is confidential under State or federal law.

5 (g) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Maryland Funding
6 Accountability and Transparency Act [of 2008]".

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2021.