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Senate Bill 437

(Senator Hollinger, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission - Donor Information -
Confidentiality**

This bill requires the Maryland Public Broadcasting Commission (PBC) to keep the name, address, telephone number, contribution amount, and all other information about a contributor confidential. However, to the extent that PBC determines that the sharing of information will contribute to its fund-raising efforts, PBC may share donor information with nonprofit or governmental entities under the terms it sets.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Contribution revenues for PBC would not be materially affected by the bill.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: PBC may receive gifts, donations, bequests, private endowments, and private grants. PBC is encouraged to promote private fund-raising by strengthening institutional development activities and by maintaining relationships with affiliated foundations. PBC is not required by law to keep donor information confidential.

Background: Managing for Results (MFR) outcomes for PBC in the fiscal 2007 State budget book indicate that 59,369 individuals contributed a total of \$5.9 million to PBC in fiscal 2005. In fiscal 2007, PBC estimates that 62,000 donors will contribute a total of \$6.1 million.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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