

# SENATE BILL 418

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By: **The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Submission of Publications to the General Assembly**  
3 **– Procedures**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain procedures to be followed by an official or unit of  
5 the State government intending to submit or distribute certain publications to  
6 the General Assembly or to a committee, staff agency, or employee of the  
7 General Assembly; requiring an official or unit to submit one copy of certain  
8 publications to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
9 Delegates in a certain format under certain circumstances; requiring an official  
10 or unit intending to distribute a publication to a standing committee of the  
11 General Assembly to obtain the approval of the chair of the committee, except  
12 under certain circumstances, and to comply with certain procedures; requiring  
13 an official or unit to provide certain copies of a publication to the library of the  
14 Department of Legislative Services as requested by the library on behalf of a  
15 member of the General Assembly; requiring certain publications submitted in  
16 fulfillment of a duty imposed by law to contain certain information; requiring  
17 the library of the Department to collect, catalogue, and preserve certain  
18 publications; defining a certain term; making certain technical and clarifying  
19 changes; and generally relating to the procedures for the submission and  
20 distribution of publications to the General Assembly.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
22 Article – State Government  
23 Section 2–1246  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – State Government**

4 2–1246.

5 (a) **IN THIS SECTION, “PUBLICATION” INCLUDES ANY REPORT, STUDY,  
6 OR NOTIFICATION.**

7 (B) [Each official or unit of the State government shall submit to the  
8 Department a list of the reports and other publications] **FOR EACH PUBLICATION**  
9 that [the] **AN** official or unit [issues and] **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT** intends to  
10 distribute or submit to the General Assembly or to any committee, staff agency, or  
11 employee of the General Assembly, **THE OFFICIAL OR UNIT SHALL:**

12 (1) **SUBMIT ONE COPY TO THE PRESIDENT AND ONE COPY TO THE  
13 SPEAKER IN THE FORMAT REQUESTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER;**

14 (2) **SUBMIT FIVE PRINTED COPIES TO THE LIBRARY OF THE  
15 DEPARTMENT; AND**

16 (3) **IN THE CASE OF A PUBLICATION TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO A  
17 COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

18 (I) **UNLESS THE PUBLICATION IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE  
19 COMMITTEE AS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY LAW, OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR THE  
20 DISTRIBUTION FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR; AND**

21 (II) **COMPLY WITH THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS OF  
22 THE COMMITTEE.**

23 [(b)] (C) An official or unit:

24 (1) shall submit to the **LIBRARY OF THE** Department [5 copies of each  
25 report that the official or unit intends to distribute or submit to the General Assembly  
26 or to any committee, staff agency, or employee of the General Assembly], **IN  
27 ADDITION TO THE COPIES OF A PUBLICATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION  
28 (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, ANY ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PUBLICATION**

1 **REQUESTED BY THE LIBRARY ON BEHALF OF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL**  
2 **ASSEMBLY; and**

3 (2) may give [the report] **A PUBLICATION DIRECTLY** to a member of  
4 the General Assembly only if:

5 (i) the President and the Speaker have given written approval  
6 for distribution of the [report] **PUBLICATION** to each member of the General  
7 Assembly; or

8 (ii) the member asks for the [report] **PUBLICATION**.

9 **(D) TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES UNDER**  
10 **SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, EACH PUBLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE**  
11 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR TO ANY COMMITTEE, STAFF AGENCY, OR EMPLOYEE OF**  
12 **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN FULFILLMENT OF A DUTY IMPOSED BY LAW SHALL**  
13 **SPECIFY THE LAW UNDER WHICH THE PUBLICATION IS BEING SUBMITTED.**

14 **[(c)] (E)** The Department shall:

15 (1) keep a list of the publications of the officials and units;

16 (2) periodically send the list to each member of the General Assembly;  
17 and

18 (3) on request of a member of the General Assembly, obtain a  
19 publication of an official or unit for the member.

20 **[(d) (1)] (F)** The **LIBRARY OF THE** Department shall [index]:

21 **(1) CATALOG** and preserve the publications that officials and units  
22 submit as required by law[.]; **AND**

23 (2) [The Department may] collect, [index] **CATALOG**, and preserve  
24 any other publication that the Department considers necessary **OR THAT THE**  
25 **DEPARTMENT IS DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT OR THE SPEAKER TO COLLECT,**  
26 **CATALOG, AND PRESERVE.**

27 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2007.