

HOUSE BILL 841

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2009

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County Public Schools – Funding Accountability and**
3 **Transparency Act**

4 **MC 930–09**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Montgomery County Board of Education to develop
6 and operate a certain website that includes certain information about certain
7 payments; specifying certain parameters of the website; defining certain terms;
8 and generally relating to the development and operation of a searchable website
9 by the Montgomery County Board of Education.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Education
12 Section 5–115
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **5–115.**

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

21 (2) (I) “PAYEE” MEANS ANY PARTY WHO RECEIVES FROM THE
22 MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AN AGGREGATE PAYMENT OF
23 \$10,000 IN A FISCAL YEAR.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(II) "PAYEE" DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

2 **1. A MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE WITH**
3 **RESPECT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION; OR**

4 **2. A MONTGOMERY COUNTY RETIREE WITH**
5 **RESPECT TO THE RETIREE'S RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE.**

6 **(3) "SEARCHABLE WEBSITE" MEANS A WEBSITE CREATED IN**
7 **ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION THAT DISPLAYS AND SEARCHES PAYMENT**
8 **DATA OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

9 **(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2010, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
10 **BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP AND OPERATE A SINGLE SEARCHABLE**
11 **WEBSITE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT NO COST THROUGH THE INTERNET.**

12 **(C) THE SEARCHABLE WEBSITE SHALL CONTAIN MONTGOMERY**
13 **COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PAYMENT DATA INCLUDING:**

14 **(1) THE NAME OF A PAYEE RECEIVING A PAYMENT;**

15 **(2) THE LOCATION OF A PAYEE BY POSTAL ZIP CODE; AND**

16 **(3) THE AMOUNT OF A PAYMENT.**

17 **(D) THE SEARCHABLE WEBSITE SHALL ALLOW THE USER TO:**

18 **(1) SEARCH DATA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 AND EACH YEAR**
19 **THEREAFTER; AND**

20 **(2) SEARCH BY THE FOLLOWING DATA FIELDS:**

21 **(I) A PAYEE RECEIVING A PAYMENT; AND**

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

23 **(E) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE**
24 **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL UNDER FEDERAL,**
25 **STATE, OR LOCAL LAW.**

26 **(F) THIS SECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE**
27 **"MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND**
28 **TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2009".**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2009.