

# SENATE BILL 216

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Campaign Finance – Affiliated Business Entities – Attribution of**  
3 **Contributions**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain campaign finance contributions be  
5 attributed to one business entity contributor under certain circumstances;  
6 defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally  
7 relating to the attribution of certain campaign finance contributions.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Election Law  
10 Section 13–226(e)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Election Law**

16 13–226.

17 (e) **(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “BUSINESS ENTITY” INCLUDES A**  
18 **CORPORATION, A GENERAL OR LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, A LIMITED LIABILITY**  
19 **COMPANY, OR A REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST.**

20 **(2) Contributions by [a corporation and any wholly-owned subsidiary**  
21 **of the corporation, or by two or more corporations owned by the same stockholders,]**  
22 **TWO OR MORE BUSINESS ENTITIES shall be considered as being made by one**  
23 **contributor IF:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                           **(I) ONE BUSINESS ENTITY IS A WHOLLY-OWNED**  
2 **SUBSIDIARY OF ANOTHER; OR**

3                           **(II) THE BUSINESS ENTITIES ARE OWNED OR CONTROLLED**  
4 **BY AT LEAST 80% OF THE SAME INDIVIDUALS.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be  
6 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have  
7 any effect on or application to any contribution made by a business entity before the  
8 effective date of this Act.

9           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 June 1, 2010.