

# SENATE BILL 679

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By: **Senators Harrington, Lenett, Pinsky, and Raskin**  
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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 Entities – Contribution Records and Reports**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the treasurer of a campaign finance entity, to the extent  
4 practicable, to record certain information regarding an individual who makes  
5 contributions of a certain cumulative amount during a certain period of time to  
6 the campaign finance entity; requiring the treasurer to include certain  
7 information regarding contributors in the campaign finance report that the  
8 treasurer of a campaign finance entity is required to file; providing for a delayed  
9 effective date; and generally relating to the contribution records and reports of  
10 campaign finance entities.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Election Law  
13 Section 13–221 and 13–304(b)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Election Law**

19 13–221.

20 (a) (1) The treasurer of a campaign finance entity shall keep a detailed  
21 and accurate account book of all assets received, expenditures made, and obligations  
22 incurred by or on behalf of the entity.

23 (2) Except as provided in § 13–240 of this subtitle, as to each asset  
24 received or expenditure made, the account book shall state:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) its amount or value;
- 2 (ii) the date of the receipt or expenditure;
- 3 (iii) the name and address of the person from whom the asset  
4 was received or to whom the expenditure was made; and
- 5 (iv) a description of the asset received or the purpose for which  
6 the expenditure was made.

7 **(3) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE TREASURER OF A**  
8 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY SHALL RECORD THE OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER**  
9 **OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MAKES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE**  
10 **ENTITY IN A CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF \$200 OR MORE DURING A CALENDAR**  
11 **YEAR.**

12 **[(3)] (4)** Each expenditure made from a campaign account shall be  
13 supported by a receipt.

14 (b) The account books and related records of a campaign finance entity shall  
15 be preserved until 2 years after the campaign finance entity files a final campaign  
16 finance report under Subtitle 3 of this title.

17 13-304.

18 (b) A campaign finance report filed by a campaign finance entity under  
19 subsection (a) of this section shall include:

20 **(1)** the information required by the State Board with respect to all  
21 contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of the campaign  
22 finance entity during the designated reporting period; **AND**

23 **(2) THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE OCCUPATIONS AND**  
24 **EMPLOYERS OF CONTRIBUTORS REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED BY THE**  
25 **TREASURER OF A CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY UNDER § 13-221 OF THIS TITLE.**

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 January 1, 2011.