

HOUSE BILL 160

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By: **Delegates Lafferty, Aumann, Boteler, Cardin, Cluster, DeBoy, Frank, Kach, Morhaim, Stein, and Weir**
Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2011
Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 5–117
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 **5–117.**

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

20 **(2) (i) “PAYEE” MEANS ANY PARTY WHO RECEIVES FROM THE**
21 **BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AN AGGREGATE PAYMENT OF**
22 **\$25,000 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 BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL
3 EMPLOYEE WITH RESPECT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION; OR

4 2. A BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREE
5 WITH RESPECT TO THE RETIREE'S RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE.

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

9 (B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013, THE BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD
10 OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP AND OPERATE A SINGLE SEARCHABLE WEB
11 SITE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT NO COST THROUGH THE INTERNET.

12 (C) THE SEARCHABLE WEB SITE SHALL CONTAIN BALTIMORE COUNTY
13 BOARD OF EDUCATION PAYMENT DATA INCLUDING:

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

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

16 (3) THE AMOUNT OF A PAYMENT.

17 (D) THE SEARCHABLE WEB SITE SHALL ALLOW THE USER TO:

18 (1) SEARCH DATA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 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 "BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND
28 TRANSPARENCY ACT".

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