

Chapter 394

(House Bill 802)

AN ACT concerning

Education – Prince George’s County School Board Budgets – Transparency

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FOR the purpose of requiring a certain Web site of the Prince George’s County Board of Education to include certain budget data; requiring the Web site to contain annual data and to be searchable based on individual schools; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to a searchable Web site of the Prince George’s County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Education
Section 5–118
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

5–118.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) “Payee” means any party who receives from the Prince George’s County Board of Education an aggregate payment of \$25,000 in a fiscal year.

(ii) “Payee” does not include:

1. A Prince George’s County public school employee with respect to the employee’s compensation; or

2. A Prince George’s County public school retiree with respect to the retiree’s retirement allowance.

(3) “Searchable Web site” means a Web site created in accordance with this section that displays and searches payment **AND BUDGET** data of the Prince George’s County Board of Education.

(b) On or before January 1, 2013, the Prince George's County Board of Education shall develop and operate a single searchable Web site accessible to the public at no cost through the Internet.

(c) The searchable Web site shall contain Prince George's County Board of Education [payment] ANNUAL data including:

(1) The name of a payee receiving a payment;

(2) The location of a payee by zip code; [and]

(3) The amount of a payment; AND

(4) THE BUDGET DATA PREPARED UNDER § 5-101 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(d) The searchable Web site shall allow the user to:

(1) Search data for fiscal year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter;
and

(2) Search by the following data fields:

(i) A payee receiving a payment; [and]

(ii) The zip code of a payee receiving a payment; AND

(III) INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS.

(e) This section may not be construed to require the disclosure of information that is confidential under federal, State, or local law.

(f) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Prince George's County Public Schools Funding Accountability and Transparency Act".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, budget data beginning with fiscal year 2013 and each fiscal year thereafter shall be included on the searchable Web site established under § 5-118 of the Education Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~2012~~ 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.