

Chapter 459

**(House Bill 848)**

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County Public Schools Funding Accountability and  
Transparency Act**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to develop and operate a certain Web site that includes certain information about certain payments; specifying certain parameters of the Web site; requiring the Board to post certain information in a timely manner; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the development and operation of a searchable Web site by the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 5–119

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

**5–119.**

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

**(2) (I) “PAYEE” MEANS ANY PARTY WHO RECEIVES FROM THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AN AGGREGATE PAYMENT OF \$25,000 IN A FISCAL YEAR.**

**(II) “PAYEE” DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

**1. AN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE WITH RESPECT TO THE EMPLOYEE’S COMPENSATION; OR**

**2. AN ANNE ARUNDEL 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 DATA OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2017, THE ANNE ARUNDEL 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 ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PAYMENT 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 ~~EACH PAYMENT MADE IN A FISCAL YEAR~~ A PAYMENT.

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

- (1) SEARCH DATA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND EACH 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.

(E) THE BOARD SHALL POST IN A TIMELY MANNER ON THE SEARCHABLE WEB SITE THE PAYMENT DATE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

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

(G) THIS SECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE “ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT”.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.