

# SENATE BILL 352

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By: **Senator Mathias**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County – Annual Financial Report and Annual Audit Report – Filing**  
3 **Date**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the date by which Somerset County is required to file a certain  
5 financial report with the Department of Legislative Services and report the results  
6 of a certain audit with the Legislative Auditor; and generally relating to required  
7 filings in Somerset County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Local Government  
10 Section 16–304  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article – Local Government  
15 Section 16–306  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Local Government**

21 16–304.

22 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, on or before  
23 October 31 after the close of its fiscal year, each county, municipality, and special taxing  
24 district shall file with the Department of Legislative Services a financial report for that  
25 fiscal year.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (2) (i) A county, municipality, or special taxing district with a  
2 population of over 400,000 may file its financial report on or before December 31 after the  
3 close of its fiscal year.

4           (ii) Unless subparagraph (i) of this paragraph applies, Howard  
5 County may file its financial report on or before November 30 after the close of its fiscal  
6 year.

7           (iii) Allegany County, Calvert County, Caroline County, Charles  
8 County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Queen Anne's County, St. Mary's County,  
9 **SOMERSET COUNTY**, Talbot County, and Wicomico County may file the county's financial  
10 report on or before December 31 after the close of the county's fiscal year.

11       (b) The financial report required under subsection (a) of this section shall be:

12           (1) prepared on the form established by the Department of Legislative  
13 Services; and

14           (2) verified by the chief executive officer of the county, municipality, or  
15 special taxing district.

16       (c) If a county, municipality, or special taxing district does not comply with  
17 subsection (a) of this section, the Comptroller, on notice from the Executive Director of the  
18 Department of Legislative Services, may order the discontinuance of all money, grants, or  
19 State aid that the county, municipality, or special taxing district is entitled to receive under  
20 State law, including money from:

21           (1) the income tax;

22           (2) the tax on racing;

23           (3) the recordation tax;

24           (4) the admissions and amusement tax; and

25           (5) the license tax.

26 16–306.

27       (a) The county, municipality, or special taxing district shall report the results of  
28 the audit required under § 16–305 of this subtitle to the Legislative Auditor:

29           (1) on the form and in the manner that the Legislative Auditor requires;  
30 and

31           (2) on or before the date the financial report of the county, municipality, or

1 special taxing district must be filed under § 16–304(a) of this subtitle.

2 (b) An audit report filed by a county, municipality, or special taxing district with  
3 the Legislative Auditor shall include financial statements of the county, municipality, or  
4 special taxing district that are:

5 (1) prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;  
6 and

7 (2) audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

8 (c) An audit report filed with the Legislative Auditor is a public record.

9 (d) If a county, municipality, or special taxing district does not comply with  
10 subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the Comptroller, on notice from the Executive Director  
11 of the Department of Legislative Services, may order the discontinuance of all money,  
12 grants, or State aid that the county, municipality, or special taxing district is entitled to  
13 receive under State law that are distributed by the Comptroller, the clerks of the court, or  
14 any other unit of State government.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2018.