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Ways and Means

(Prince George's County Delegation)

**Prince George's County Board of Education – Members' Expense Forms –
Publication on Website PG 502–19**

This bill requires the Prince George's County Public School System to publish prominently on its website a link to each expense form filed by a member of the county board for reimbursement by the school system.

Each expense form must be (1) designated as a public record available to any applicant immediately on request under § 4-201(c)(1) of the Maryland Public Information Act (PIA) and (2) listed on the school system website as a type of public record that is immediately available upon request under § 4-201(c)(2) of PIA.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Prince George's County Public School System finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Maryland's PIA establishes that all persons are entitled to have access to information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees. Each governmental unit that maintains public records must identify a representative who a member of the public may contact to request a public record. The

Office of the Attorney General (OAG) must post all such contact information on its website and in any *Public Information Act Manual* published by OAG.

Duties of Custodians

A custodian of a public record must designate types of public records that are to be made available to any applicant immediately on request and must maintain a current list of the types of public records that have been so designated.

Generally, a custodian of a public record must permit inspection of the record at a reasonable time and within 10 working days of receiving a request.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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