

HOUSE BILL 18

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By: **Delegate Carr**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Operating Budget – Publication of Expenditures**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a public body to submit to the Department of Budget and
4 Management a report of each expenditure by the public body; providing for the
5 contents and format of the report; requiring that expenditures be reported within a
6 certain amount of time; authorizing the Department to enter into an agreement with
7 a public body to establish a schedule for reporting expenditures; requiring the
8 Department to make reports of expenditures publicly available within a certain
9 amount of time; requiring the Department of Information Technology, in
10 consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, to develop and
11 operate a website accessible to the public at no cost through the Internet; providing
12 certain requirements for the website; defining certain terms; and generally relating
13 to the publication of expenditures by units of the State government or other State
14 entities.

15 BY adding to
16 Article – State Finance and Procurement
17 Section 7–407
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

23 **7–407.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **(2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND**
4 **MANAGEMENT.**

5 **(3) "PUBLIC BODY" MEANS A UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT OR**
6 **OTHER STATE ENTITY THAT EXPENDS PUBLIC MONEY.**

7 **(B) (1) (I) A PUBLIC BODY SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A**
8 **REPORT OF EACH EXPENDITURE BY THE PUBLIC BODY, AS PROVIDED IN THIS**
9 **SUBSECTION.**

10 **(II) FOR EACH FUND TYPE, THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN:**

11 1. **THE AMOUNT OF EACH EXPENDITURE;**

12 2. **THE APPROXIMATE DATE OF EACH EXPENDITURE;**

13 **AND**

14 3. **A DESCRIPTION OF EACH EXPENDITURE.**

15 **(2) THE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN**
16 **THE FORM AND FORMAT, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC FORMAT, THAT THE**
17 **DEPARTMENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION**
18 **TECHNOLOGY, REQUIRES.**

19 **(3) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH,**
20 **EACH EXPENDITURE SHALL BE REPORTED WITHIN 180 DAYS OF THE EXPENDITURE.**

21 **(II) EACH EXPENDITURE OF \$50,000 OR GREATER SHALL BE**
22 **REPORTED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE EXPENDITURE.**

23 **(4) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
24 **DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A PUBLIC BODY TO**
25 **ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR REPORTING OF EXPENDITURES.**

26 **(C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
27 **DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE THE REPORT OF EACH**
28 **EXPENDITURE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A REPORT FROM A PUBLIC BODY.**

29 **(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, IN**
30 **CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL DEVELOP AND OPERATE A**

1 SEARCHABLE WEBSITE, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT NO COST THROUGH THE
2 INTERNET, THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT EXPENDITURES MADE BY PUBLIC
3 BODIES.

4 (2) THE SEARCHABLE WEBSITE SHALL CONTAIN:

5 (I) THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC BODY MAKING THE
6 EXPENDITURE;

7 (II) THE AMOUNT OF PUBLIC MONEY EXPENDED;

8 (III) THE FUND FROM WHICH THE EXPENDITURE WAS MADE;

9 (IV) THE APPROXIMATE DATE OF THE EXPENDITURE; AND

10 (V) A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXPENDITURE.

11 (3) THE SEARCHABLE WEBSITE SHALL ALLOW A USER TO SEARCH BY
12 THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC BODY.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2020.