



HB1092 COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION - PAYMENT DATA – DISCLOSURES

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WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

OPPOSE

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) opposes **HB1092 County Boards of Education - Payment Data - Disclosures**. This bill requires the local school system in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties to develop and operate a single searchable website that contains specified payment data by January 1, 2022. The website must be accessible to the public through the Internet at no cost.

HB1092 is redundant and unnecessary, and this redundancy will result in an unfunded mandate. AACPS already has a website that posts all payments to vendors on a quarterly basis. However, under this legislation, our current site will have to be modified to align with the additional requirements set forth in the bill. Such modification would cost anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Furthermore, county boards of education are already required to share the information outlined in this bill with the Department of Budget Management and the Department posts this information on its transparency and accountability website.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE** committee report on HB1092.