



House Bill 905

*Recipients of State and Local Government Funding - Reporting
(Buy Maryland Reporting Requirements)*

MACo Position: **OPPOSE**

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **OPPOSES** HB 905. This bill would impose new and administratively burdensome reporting requirements on counties and other recipients of state funding without providing additional resources to implement them.

HB 905 requires that, on or before October 15 each year, a “unit” defined to include units of state, county, or municipal government, or any person receiving state operating or capital funding, report detailed information to the Comptroller regarding the use of those funds. This includes a description of the funding purpose and extensive information on any contractor or subcontractor receiving funds to perform work on behalf of the unit, including business addresses, employee counts, worksite locations, and minority business enterprise certification status.

The bill further directs the Comptroller to compile and submit a report to the General Assembly summarizing this information, including the percentage of in-state versus out-of-state contractors and subcontractors, the average size of such entities by employee count, and the percentage certified as minority business enterprises.

While counties support transparency and accountability in the use of state funds, HB 905 creates an unfunded and administratively burdensome reporting mandate. Counties are already subject to state oversight when using state money.

Implementing the bill would require amendments to procurement and grant agreements, revisions to internal tracking systems, and coordination across multiple departments to ensure compliance by vendors and subrecipients. The bill also imposes reporting obligations directly on contractors, which would necessitate updates to standard contract and grant language to ensure enforceability.

Counties remain committed partners in ensuring responsible stewardship of public funds. However, broad new reporting mandates of this scope should be carefully balanced against administrative feasibility and cost. HB 905 would create significant compliance challenges with uncertain policy benefits. For these reasons, MACo urges an **UNFAVORABLE** report for HB 905.