

## Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary

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**Meeting Date:** 11/1/2011  
**Reference No.:** CB-019-2011  
**Draft No.:** 2  
**Proposer(s):** Turner, Franklin  
**Sponsor(s):** Turner, Franklin, Patterson, Olson, Lehman  
**Item Title:** An Act requiring for the County to develop and operate a website that includes information for certain County expenditures, providing guidelines for public access to the information on the website and generally relating to governing public access to information about County payments.

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**Drafter:** Colette R. Gresham, Legislative Officer  
**Resource Personnel:** Tomeka C. Bumbry, Legislative Aide District 4

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### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

<b>Date Presented:</b>	5/17/2011	<b>Executive Action:</b>	11/17/2011 S
<b>Committee Referral:</b>	5/17/2011 - PSFM	<b>Effective Date:</b>	1/3/2012

**Committee Action:** 9/21/2011 - FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 10/4/2011  
**Public Hearing:** 11/1/2011 - 1:30 PM

**Council Action (1)** 11/1/2011 - ENACTED  
**Council Votes:** WC:A, MRF:A, AH:A, LJ:-, ML:A, EO:A, OP:A, IT:A, KT:A  
**Pass/Fail:** P  
**Remarks:**

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### AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

10-289

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### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Public Safety and Fiscal Management

**Date 9/21/2011**

REPORT: Committee Vote: Favorable/as Amended (4-0) (In Favor: Councilmember: Campos, Franklin, Patterson, and Turner)

This bill will require the County to develop and operate a website that will list any person receiving an aggregate payment of \$25,000 or more from the County in any fiscal year and guidelines for public access to the searchable website. The searchable website will allow the user to search data beginning in Fiscal Year 2012 and each fiscal year thereafter. The data field will list the name of the payee, department, zip code of the payee, and dollar amount.

The Office of Law has reviewed this bill and finds it to be in proper legislative form with no legal impediments to the enactment.

The bill was held in Committee on June 15, 2011 for additional information.

During the worksession on September 21, 2011 the bill was amended as follows on page 2:

1. Line 10 after “payment;” delete “and”
2. Line 11 add “a descriptive purpose of the payment; and” and renumber. ` - -
3. Lines 11 and 15 delete “making the payment”.
4. Line 23 delete “but not later than October 1, 2011” insert “The initial Fiscal Year 2012 website shall be available for use no later than January 1, 2012.” and add “Section 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the searchable website shall be updated quarterly in January, April, July, and October of each fiscal year.”

There may be some negative fiscal impact as a result of enacting CB-19-2011. The amount of impact cannot be determined at this time due to unknown factors related to the costs to design, monitor, manage, update and administer the website.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

The proposed legislation will require the County to develop and operate a website that allows for public access to information on County expenditures, specifically funds transferred to contractors, grantees or loan recipients for payments of \$25,000 or more.

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**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**

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**INCLUSION FILES:**

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