

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2011 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-19-2011

Chapter No. 21

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Turner and Franklin

Introduced by Council Members Turner, Franklin, Patterson, Olson and Lehman

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction October 4, 2011

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Spending Disclosure

3 For the purpose of requiring the County to develop and operate a website that includes
4 information for certain County expenditures, providing guidelines for public access to the
5 information on the website and generally relating to governing public access to information
6 about County payments.

7 BY adding:

8 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

9 Section 10-283,

10 The Prince George's County Code

11 (2007 Edition, 2010 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, that Section 10-283 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
14 added:

15 **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.**

16 **DIVISION 16. SPENDING DISCLOSURE.**

17 **Sec. 10-283. Searchable spending data.**

18 (a) In this Section, the following words have the meaning indicated.

19 (1) Payee means any person who receives an aggregate payment of Twenty-five
20 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) or more from the County in any fiscal year, except:

21 (A) a County employee with respect to salary or benefits; and

1 (B) a County retiree with respect to a County retirement pension.

2 (2) **Payment** includes any County funds transferred to a contractor, grantee, or loan
3 recipient.

4 (3) **Searchable website** means a website created in accordance with this Section that
5 displays and searches County payment data.

6 (b) The County shall develop and operate a searchable website accessible to the public at
7 no cost that includes:

8 (1) the name of each payee;

9 (2) the location of each payee by postal zip code;

10 (3) the amount of each payment;

11 (4) a descriptive purpose of the payment; and

12 (5) the name of the County department or office.

13 (c) The searchable website shall permit the user to search data for Fiscal Year 2012 and
14 each fiscal year thereafter by the following data fields:

15 (1) payee;

16 (2) department or office;

17 (3) postal zip code of a payee; and

18 (4) dollar amount.

19 (d) This Section does not require the disclosure of any information that is confidential
20 under Federal, State or County law.

21 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
22 calendar days after it becomes law and applies to payments made in or after Fiscal Year 2012.

23 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the County shall implement the
24 searchable website as soon as practical. The initial Fiscal Year 2012 website shall be available
25 for use no later than January 1, 2012.

26 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the searchable website shall be updated
27 quarterly in January, April, July, and October of each fiscal year.

Adopted this 1st day of November, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Ingrid M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Redis C. Floyd
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Rushern L. Baker, III
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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