

Bill No. 1-09  
Concerning: Finance - Spending  
Disclosure  
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Ch. 3, Laws of Mont. Co. 2009

## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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By: Council Vice-President Berliner, Council President Andrews,  
Councilmembers Elrich, Trachtenberg, and Ervin

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) require the County to develop and operate a website that includes information on certain County payments to contractors and grantees;
- (2) providing guidelines for public access to the information on the website; and
- (3) generally amend the County law governing public access to information about County payments.

By adding

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 20, Department of Finance  
Section 20-42A

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Underlining

[Single boldface brackets]

Double underlining

[[Double boldface brackets]]

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*Heading or defined term.*

*Added to existing law by original bill.*

*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*

*Added by amendment.*

*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*

*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

1        **Sec. 1. Section 20-42A is added as follows:**

2        **20-42A. Spending Disclosure.**

3        (a) Definitions. In this Section, the following words have the meaning  
4        indicated:

5        Payee means any person who receives an aggregate payment of \$25,000  
6        or more from the County in any fiscal year, except:

7        (1) a County employee with respect to salary or benefits; and

8        (2) a County retiree with respect to a County retirement pension.

9        Payment includes any County funds transferred to a contractor, grantee,  
10       or loan recipient.

11       Searchable website means a series of web pages on the World Wide  
12       Web that displays County payment data in a searchable form.

13       (b) The Chief Administrative Officer must develop and operate a  
14       searchable website accessible to the public at no cost that includes the:

15       (1) name of each payee;

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

17       (3) amount of [[each payment]] total payments for each fiscal year;  
18       and

19       (4) name of the County department or office making the payment.

20       (c) The searchable website must permit the user to search data for each  
21       fiscal year by the following fields:

22       (1) payee;

23       (2) department or office making the payment; and

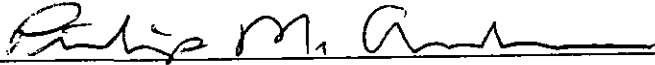
24       (3) postal zip code of a payee.

25       (d) This Section does not require the disclosure of any information that is  
26       confidential under State or Federal law.

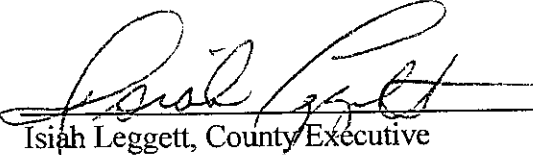
27       **Sec. 2. Effective Date.**

28 This Act takes effect on ~~[[July 1, 2009]]~~ September 1, 2010 and applies to  
29 payments made in or after Fiscal Year ~~[[2010]]~~ 2011.

30 *Approved:*

31  February 26, 2009  
Philip M. Andrews, President, County Council Date

32 *Approved:*

33  March 5, 2009  
Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

34 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

35  March 9, 2009  
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date