

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 76A - Public Information  
 Section 2(e), 3(c) and (d), 4, and 5  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 76A - Public Information  
 Section 3(f) and 5A  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 76A - Public Information

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~~(e) -- If the public records requested are in the custody and control of the person to whom written application is made but are not immediately available, the custodian shall, within ten working days of the receipt of the request, notify the applicant of this fact and shall set forth a date and hour within a reasonable time -- WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST -- at which time the record will be available for the exercise of the right given by this article.~~

(a) All public records shall be open for inspection by any person at reasonable times, except as provided in this article or as otherwise provided by law. [The] SUBJECT TO THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, THE official custodian of any public record shall make and publish such rules and regulations with reference to the timely inspection and production of such record as shall be reasonably necessary for the protection of such record and the prevention of unnecessary interference with the regular discharge of the duties of the custodian or his office.

(b) [If the public records requested are not in the custody or control of the person to whom written application is made, such person shall, within ten working days of the receipt of the request, notify the applicant of this fact and if known, the custodian of the record and the location or possible location thereof.

(c) If the public records requested are in the custody and control of the person to whom written application is made but are not immediately available, the custodian shall,