

(F) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW.

(G) THIS SECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2008".

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Chief of Information Technology in the Department of Budget and Management shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility, approach, and cost to expand or replace the searchable website established under § 3-414 of the State Finance and Procurement Article enacted by this Act to allow the public, at no cost, to search and aggregate State funding by different elements, which may include:

(1) the name of an entity receiving an award and, if applicable, the parent entity of the recipient;

(2) the amount of an award;

(3) the transaction type;

(4) the name of an agency making an award;

(5) the budget program fund source;

(6) a descriptive purpose of each funding action or State award;

(7) the location of an entity receiving the award; and

(8) any other relevant information specified by the Department.

(b) The Department shall utilize the services of an outside expert to conduct this study.

(c) The Department shall consider the feasibility of including in the searchable website all State awards over the amount of \$25,000 including:

(1) grants, subgrants, loans, awards, cooperative agreements, and other forms of financial assistance; and

(2) contracts, subcontracts, purchase orders, and other payments.