

# SENATE BILL 617

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By: **Senator Jennings**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Legislative Audits – Reports – Electronic Access**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain audit or report of the Office of Legislative  
4 Audits be accessible on a certain Web site of a unit of State government for  
5 public access within a certain time frame; requiring that certain units of State  
6 government with a certain number of repeat audit findings make available a  
7 certain report for public access on certain actions and a certain schedule of  
8 implementation within a certain time frame; and generally relating to public  
9 access to audits, reports, recommendations and implementation of  
10 recommendations by units of State government.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 2–1224(f) and (h)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – State Government**

19 2–1224.

20 (f) **(1)** After the expiration of any period that the Joint Audit Committee  
21 specifies, a report of the Legislative Auditor is available to the public under §§ 10–602  
22 and 10–611 through 10–628 of this article.

23 **(2) WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER AN AUDIT OR ANY OTHER REPORT**  
24 **RELATING TO A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT IS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AS**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE AUDIT OR**  
2 **REPORT SHALL BE UPLOADED TO THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEB SITE OF**  
3 **THE UNIT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS, IN A FORMAT ACCESSIBLE FOR VIEWING AND**  
4 **PRINTING BY THE PUBLIC.**

5 (h) (1) The Governor and the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall  
6 implement systems and processes to monitor the efforts of the Executive  
7 Departmental Units and the Judiciary, respectively, to correct audit findings reported  
8 by the Office of Legislative Audits.

9 (2) (I) Within 9 months of the most recent audit report, any unit  
10 that has five or more repeat audit findings shall report to the Office of Legislative  
11 Audits for each finding in that audit report:

12 [(i)] 1. the corrective actions taken; or

13 [(ii)] 2. a schedule for when specific corrective actions will be  
14 implemented.

15 (II) **EACH UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT REPORTS ON**  
16 **THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND SCHEDULE OF IMPLEMENTATION AS REQUIRED**  
17 **UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF**  
18 **MAKING THE REPORT AND SCHEDULE, UPLOAD THE REPORT AND SCHEDULE TO**  
19 **THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT WEB SITE OF THE UNIT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS, IN A**  
20 **FORMAT ACCESSIBLE FOR VIEWING AND PRINTING BY THE PUBLIC.**

21 (3) Each unit required to report to the Office of Legislative Audits  
22 under paragraph (2) of this subsection shall continue to report to the Office of  
23 Legislative Audits on a quarterly basis after the initial report until the actions  
24 reported by the agency indicate that satisfactory progress has been made to address  
25 all findings. **EACH REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE**  
26 **UPLOADED TO THE OFFICIAL WEB SITE OF THE UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT**  
27 **WITHIN 30 DAYS OF MAKING THE REPORT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS, IN A FORMAT**  
28 **ACCESSIBLE FOR VIEWING AND PRINTING BY THE PUBLIC.**

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 2012.