

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

BILL NUMBER: 65-26

INTRO. DATE: July 20, 2026

FISCAL NOTE

BILL: Public Ethics – Campaign Contribution Disclosure and Comprehensive Zoning Integrity Act

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

This bill requires owners and applicants and other designated “covered persons” for properties seeking Certain planning approvals to disclose their campaign contributions to the County Executive, County Councilmembers, or candidates for those offices, during the pendency of the approval process. The planning approvals covered by the legislation are a subdivision plan, site development plan, special exception, planned unit development, administrative rezoning, comprehensive zoning map amendment, or zoning code text amendment. It prohibits campaign contributions to those officials and candidates from covered persons from the time comprehensive zoning legislation or zoning text amendments are introduced to the Council until final legislative action. The requirements apply to applicants, owners, certain officers, employees, and associated entities and political committees.

FISCAL IMPACT

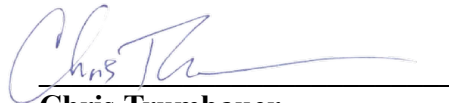
Operating Budget – Personal Services: The bill may require additional staffing for the Ethics Commission and the Office of Planning and Zoning (OPZ) to handle the administration and enforcement of the disclosure requirements. The number of positions (if any) and their grade levels will depend on the volume of disclosures and complaints and the approach taken to enforcement. An active enforcement approach would generally require more expenditures than a complaint-driven process.

Operating Budget – Other Operating Costs: The bill may require the Ethics Commission and/or OPZ to establish or modify and to maintain data systems for managing the required filings. The amount of this expense will depend on the volume and complexity of the data, and cannot be estimated without a detailed needs assessment.

Capital Budget: No effect.

Revenues: No effect.

Indirect and future fiscal effects: None.


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