

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4762**

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[Introduced February 10, 2020; Referred to the  
Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §12-4-18, relating to requiring publication of continually updated records of  
3 state financial transactions in a publicly accessible, searchable website; declaring the  
4 people's right to review and search state financial records; and providing for confidentiality  
5 of certain information for protection against unauthorized access to state accounts and for  
6 protections of individual privacy.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

#### **ARTICLE 4. ACCOUNTS, REPORTS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

##### **§12-4-18. Access to records of state financial transactions; publication via website; confidentiality of certain information.**

1 The people of the state shall have a right to view and to search records of all financial  
2 transactions conducted by the Treasurer, including, but not limited to, receipts, deposits, transfers,  
3 payments, transaction fees and other bank charges, expenditures, payroll deductions, and tax  
4 payments of any nature. Beginning January 1, 2021, the Treasurer shall maintain continually  
5 updated records of all these financial transactions in a publicly accessible, searchable website.  
6 Nothing in this section shall require the Treasurer to disclose specific account numbers or account  
7 identification credentials at commercial financial institutions if the disclosure of that account  
8 information would enable unauthorized persons to initiate the transfer of money into or out of any  
9 account. Nor shall the provisions of this section require the disclosure of the personally identifiable  
10 information of any taxpayer, creditor, debtor, or beneficiary when such personally identifiable  
11 information is protected by any other state or federal law.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the State Treasurer to maintain updated records of all state financial transactions in a publicly accessible, searchable website.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.