



**SB193 PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT - DENIAL OF PART OF A PUBLIC RECORD - INVESTIGATIONS  
BY INSPECTORS GENERAL**

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**SUPPORT**

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Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) supports **SB193 Public Information Act - Denial of Part of a Public Record - Investigations by Inspectors General**. This bill authorizes the custodian of a public record to deny inspection of records of investigations conducted by or an investigatory file compiled by an inspector general whose office is created by State law or the laws of a political subdivision of the State.

SB193 recognizes that individuals who are subject to an investigation are not, by definition, necessarily guilty of any wrongdoing, be it criminal or otherwise. Disclosing investigatory records that could create public opinion that casts employees or others in a negative light either unnecessary or preliminarily (or both) is something that should be avoided. This legislation would help protect the privacy of such individuals.

Accordingly, AACPS respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** committee report on SB193.