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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the creation of a publicly available, single
2 state database providing detailed information on state budgets
3 and expenditures.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8.24 BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE
1 2 INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET.
1 3 1. For the purposes of this section, "state funding" means
1 4 the public and private funds that are subject to budgeting, or
1 5 are received, expended, or approved for expenditure for a
1 6 fiscal year, by state government. The department of
1 7 management shall publish on the internet a central database
1 8 that is electronically searchable by the public that accounts
1 9 for the budgeting and expenditure of each dollar of state
1 10 funding.
1 11 2. A link to the database shall be prominently displayed
1 12 on the home internet page maintained by the executive branch
1 13 and shall be integrated with the digital government provisions
1 14 supported by the department of administrative services in
1 15 accordance with section 8A.205.
1 16 3. The database shall contain as much information as
1 17 possible regarding state funding for at least the current and
1 18 succeeding fiscal years and specific expenditures of state
1 19 funding for at least the current and preceding fiscal years,
1 20 including but not limited to identifying information about
1 21 each state grantee or contractor who receives state funding in
1 22 the aggregate amount of seventy-five thousand dollars or more
1 23 in a fiscal year, and the amount, date, and purpose of each
1 24 grant and contract. However, the requirements of this
1 25 subsection shall not be implemented in a manner which would
1 26 cause the release of private, personal, or confidential
1 27 information.
1 28 4. The department shall make its best effort to present
1 29 the database information in a manner that is searchable and
1 30 intuitive to users, using graphical presentations as
1 31 appropriate. The presentation of the information shall
1 32 provide users with an easily accessible portal into the
1 33 budgeting and expenditure of state funding and the ability to
1 34 access the detail for any particular category of expenditure
1 35 to determine specifically how the money was used. Access to
2 1 the database and the information within the database shall be
2 2 unrestricted and provided to the public without charge. The
2 3 department shall periodically upgrade the database in order to
2 4 improve the ease of use of the database and to incorporate
2 5 technological advances. The database shall provide user
2 6 access to specific budget and expenditure information,
2 7 including but not limited to all of the following capacities:
2 8 a. Searching and aggregating state funding by any element
2 9 of the funding information.
2 10 b. Ascertaining through a single search the total amount
2 11 of state funding paid to a person by a particular agency or by
2 12 all state agencies.
2 13 c. Downloading any of the data yielded by a search of the
2 14 database.
2 15 5. The judicial branch, legislative branch, department of
2 16 administrative services, state board of regents, department of
2 17 transportation, and any other department with budget or
2 18 expenditure information shall cooperate with the department of
2 19 management and shall provide appropriate information to the

2 20 department as necessary to implement the provisions of this
2 21 section.

2 22 EXPLANATION

2 23 This bill requires the department of management to publish
2 24 on the internet a publicly available, single state database
2 25 providing detailed information on state funding that is
2 26 subject to state budgeting and expenditure.

2 27 The term "state funding" is defined to mean the public and
2 28 private funds that are subject to budgeting, or are received,
2 29 expended, or approved for expenditure by state government.

2 30 A link to the database is required to be prominently
2 31 displayed on the executive branch internet home page.

2 32 The database is required to contain as much information as
2 33 possible regarding state funding for at least the current and
2 34 succeeding fiscal years and specific expenditures of state
2 35 funding for at least the current and preceding fiscal years.

3 1 If a state grantee or contractor receives an aggregate amount
3 2 of \$75,000 or more of state funding in a fiscal year, specific
3 3 information about the grant or contract is required to be
3 4 included in the database.

3 5 The department is required to make its best effort to
3 6 present the database information in a manner that is
3 7 searchable and intuitive to users and to provide certain
3 8 specified capabilities.

3 9 The other branches of government, the state board of
3 10 regents, the department of transportation, and other
3 11 departments with budget or expenditure information are
3 12 required to cooperate with the department of management.

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