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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-725, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO STATE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 41-725, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 41-725. Comprehensive database of receipts and expenditures of
5 state monies; local reporting; definition

6 A. ~~On or before January 1, 2011,~~ The department shall establish and
7 maintain an official internet website that is electronically searchable by
8 the public at no cost and that contains a comprehensive database of receipts
9 and expenditures of state monies. **THE DATABASE SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION**
10 **AS PRESCRIBED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF A BUDGET UNIT**
11 **THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN**
12 **FINANCIAL REPORTING BY THE GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.**

13 B. The department must present information in the database in a manner
14 that is intuitive to members of the general public, including graphical
15 representations. The database must allow users to:

16 1. Search and aggregate payments by individual budget units and
17 programs.

18 2. Search and aggregate payments by individual vendors, including the
19 total amount of state funding awarded by all budget units to individual
20 vendors.

21 3. Download information yielded by a search of the database.

22 4. Access electronic versions of contracts that relate to
23 expenditures.

24 C. The database shall include the following information:

25 1. Annual receipts of revenues, including:

26 (a) Receipts or deposits by each state budget unit into funds
27 established in the state treasury.

28 (b) Taxes.

29 (c) Earnings by each budget unit, including amounts collected for
30 merchandise sold, services performed and licenses, certifications and permits
31 issued.

32 (d) Revenue from the use of publicly owned money or property,
33 including leases and licenses.

34 (e) Gifts, donations and grants received, including amounts received
35 from the federal government.

36 (f) Any other type of public revenue, however denominated or derived,
37 deposited into the state treasury.

38 2. Annual expenditures and disbursements of state revenues by each
39 state budget unit from funds established in the state treasury, as
40 applicable, including:

41 (a) Bond payments, debt service and redemption charges and fees.

42 (b) Contractual services and cooperative agreements.

43 (c) Commodities.

44 (d) Capital outlay.

1 (e) Revenue sharing and other aid to other levels of government,
2 including tribal governments.

3 (f) Any other expenditure or disbursement of state revenue from the
4 state treasury, however denominated or structured.

5 D. Expenditure data shall list:

6 1. The manner of payment, including check or warrant or credit, debit
7 or other purchase card.

8 2. The funding source, including categorical codes and the state
9 accounts the expenditure is appropriated from.

10 3. A standardized descriptive title of the type and purpose of the
11 transaction.

12 4. The date and amount of each payment.

13 5. The state agency or budget unit making the payment.

14 6. The name of the person or entity receiving the payment, including
15 to the extent practical a parent entity of the recipient if the recipient is
16 owned by another entity.

17 7. The primary location of performance under the contract, including
18 the county, city or town and legislative district.

19 E. The database shall not include:

20 1. Tax payment or refund data that include confidential taxpayer
21 information.

22 2. Data relating to payments of state assistance to individual
23 recipients.

24 3. Payees' addresses or telephone numbers, but the department may
25 allow public access in the database to information identifying the county in
26 which the payee is located.

27 4. Work product in anticipation of litigation or information subject
28 to attorney-client privilege.

29 5. Any other information that is designated by law as confidential or
30 preapproved as confidential by the department pursuant to rule. The
31 department and any officer or employee of the department:

32 (a) May rely on a determination made by a budget unit regarding
33 confidentiality of information relating to the budget unit's expenditures.

34 (b) Are immune from civil liability for posting confidential
35 information under this section if the posting is in reliance on the budget
36 unit's determination relating to confidentiality.

37 F. Each budget unit shall cooperate with the department as necessary
38 to implement and administer this section. Each budget unit shall provide to
39 the department any additional data in a manner and schedule prescribed by the
40 department that are required to be included in the database. The database
41 shall be updated within thirty days after the end of each fiscal year and may
42 be updated as new data become available. The data shall be retained in the
43 database for at least ten full fiscal years.

1 G. The governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and legislature
2 shall include a link to the database under this section in their individual
3 official websites. Each budget unit that maintains a generally accessible
4 internet website, or for which a generally accessible website is maintained,
5 shall include a link on that website to the database under this section.

6 H. On or before January 1, 2013, each local government shall establish
7 and maintain an official internet website that is accessible to the public at
8 no cost and that contains a comprehensive reporting of all revenues and
9 expenditures over five thousand dollars of local monies in as nearly as
10 practicable the same manner and consistent with the provisions of subsections
11 B through E. [THE DATABASE SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION AS PRESCRIBED IN THE
12 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF A BUDGET UNIT THAT HAS BEEN
13 PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL
14 REPORTING BY THE GOVERNMENTAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION.](#) A link to this
15 data shall be displayed in a prominent place on the local government's
16 official internet website. The data shall be updated no less frequently than
17 every three months and may be updated as new data becomes available. The
18 data shall be retained and accessible on the website for at least three
19 fiscal years.

20 I. For the purposes of this section "local government" means:

- 21 1. A county, city or town with a population of more than twenty-five
22 hundred persons.
- 23 2. Any community college district and school district having a student
24 count of more than six hundred pupils.
- 25 3. A state university.