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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform, Technology and Elections

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; requiring a Web site with a searchable database of
1.3 state expenditures; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 16A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 16C.046.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[16A.056] WEB SITE WITH SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON STATE**
1.7 **EXPENDITURES.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Web database requirement.** The commissioner, in consultation
1.9 with the commissioners of administration and revenue, must maintain a Web site with
1.10 a searchable database providing the public with information on state contracts, state
1.11 appropriations, state expenditures, and state tax expenditures. For each data field identified
1.12 in subdivisions 2 to 5, the searchable database must allow a user of the Web site to:

1.13 (1) perform a search using that field;

1.14 (2) sort by that field;

1.15 (3) obtain information grouped or aggregated by that field, where groups or subtotals
1.16 are feasible; and

1.17 (4) view information in that field by each fiscal year or an aggregation of fiscal years.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Contracts.** (a) The searchable database on the Web site must include
1.19 at least the following data fields:

1.20 (1) the name of the entity receiving the contract;

1.21 (2) the name of the agency entering into the contract;

1.22 (3) an indication if the contract is for (i) goods; (ii) professional or technical services;
1.23 (iii) services other than professional and technical services; or (iv) a grant; and

1.24 (4) the fund or funds from which the entity receiving the contract will be paid.

2.1 (b) For each contract, the database must also include:

2.2 (1) an address for each entity receiving a contract; and

2.3 (2) a brief statement of the purpose of the contract or grant.

2.4 (c) Information on a new contract or grant must be entered into the database within
2.5 30 days of the time the contract or grant is entered into.

2.6 (d) For purposes of this section, a "grant" is a contract between a state agency and
2.7 a recipient, the primary purpose of which is to transfer cash or a thing of value to the
2.8 recipient to support a public purpose. Grant does not include payments to units of local
2.9 governments, payments to state employees, or payments made under laws providing for
2.10 assistance to individuals.

2.11 Subd. 3. **Appropriations.** The searchable database on the Web site must include
2.12 at least the following data fields on state appropriations:

2.13 (1) the agency receiving the appropriation, or the name of the nonstate entity
2.14 receiving the appropriation;

2.15 (2) the agency program, to the extent applicable;

2.16 (3) the agency activity, to the extent applicable;

2.17 (4) an item within an activity if applicable;

2.18 (5) the fund from which the appropriation is made; and

2.19 (6) the object of expenditure.

2.20 Subd. 4. **State expenditures.** The searchable database on the Web site must include
2.21 at least the following data fields on state expenditures:

2.22 (1) the agency making the expenditure, or the name of the nonstate entity making
2.23 the appropriation;

2.24 (2) the agency program, to the extent applicable;

2.25 (3) the agency activity, to the extent applicable;

2.26 (4) an item within an activity if applicable;

2.27 (5) the fund from which the expenditure is made; and

2.28 (6) the object of expenditure.

2.29 Subd. 5. **Tax expenditures.** The Web site must include a searchable database of
2.30 state tax expenditures. For each fiscal year, the database must include data fields showing
2.31 the estimated impact on state revenues of each tax expenditure item listed in the report
2.32 prepared under section 270C.11.

2.33 Subd. 6. **Retention of data.** The database required under this section must include
2.34 information beginning with fiscal year 2010 funds and must retain data for at least ten
2.35 years.

3.1 Subd. 7. **Consultation.** The commissioner of finance must consult with the
3.2 chairs of the house of representatives Ways and Means and senate Finance Committees
3.3 before encumbering any funds appropriated on or after July 1, 2009, for the planning,
3.4 development, and implementation of state accounting or procurement systems. No funds
3.5 appropriated for these purposes may be spent unless the commissioner certifies that the
3.6 systems will allow compliance with requirements of this section.

3.7 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

3.8 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 16C.046, is repealed.