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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, DECEMBER 8, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 30, 2011 (P.L.81, No.18), entitled "An  
2 act providing for the establishment of a searchable budget  
3 database-driven Internet website detailing certain  
4 information concerning taxpayer expenditures and  
5 investments," further providing for searchable budget  
6 database and for administration.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 3(g) of the act of June 30, 2011 (P.L.81,  
10 No.18), known as the Pennsylvania Web Accountability and  
11 Transparency (PennWATCH) Act, is amended and the section is  
12 amended by adding a subsection to read:

13 Section 3. Searchable budget database.

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15 (f.1) Settlements.--

16 (1) The website shall include information on each  
17 settlement paid to an employee of a Commonwealth agency or  
18 paid to an individual as a result of an action taken by an  
19 employee of a Commonwealth agency for each claim under the

1 Employee Liability Self-Insurance Program (ELSIP), the  
2 Automobile Liability Self-Insurance Program (ALSIP), the  
3 Motor License Tort Claim Fund (MLTF), notary bonds and the  
4 General Tort Claims Self-Insurance Fund. The information  
5 shall include all of the following:

6 (i) The Commonwealth agency that is the subject of  
7 the claim.

8 (ii) The date when the claim was filed.

9 (iii) The legal basis for the settlement.

10 (iv) The date when the settlement was paid.

11 (v) The amount of the settlement.

12 (2) No later than 30 days after the date when a  
13 settlement is paid, the office shall post the information  
14 under paragraph (1) on the website.

15 (3) No later than 30 days after the effective date of  
16 this subsection and every 30 days thereafter, the Department  
17 of General Services shall electronically transmit the  
18 information under paragraph (1) regarding each settlement  
19 paid in the previous 30 days to all the members of the  
20 General Assembly.

21 (4) No later than 30 days after the effective date of  
22 this subsection, the Department of General Services shall  
23 electronically transmit the information under paragraph (1)  
24 regarding each settlement paid in the period beginning  
25 January 1, 2023, and ending on the effective date of this  
26 subsection to all the members of the General Assembly.

27 (g) Exemption.--Notwithstanding subsections (a), (b) [and],  
28 (f) and (f.1), the following shall not be included on the  
29 website:

30 (1) Records, data or other information exempted from

1 disclosure under 24 Pa.C.S. § 8502(e)(2) (relating to  
2 administrative duties of board).

3 (2) Records, data or other information exempted from  
4 disclosure under 71 Pa.C.S. § 5902(e)(2) (relating to  
5 administrative duties of the board).

6 (3) Records not subject to disclosure under the act of  
7 February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know  
8 Law.

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10 Section 2. Section 4(a) of the act is amended by adding a  
11 paragraph to read:

12 Section 4. Administration.

13 (a) Commonwealth agency requirements.--Each Commonwealth  
14 agency shall cooperate with the Governor's Office of  
15 Administration. The following shall apply:

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17 (3) Each Commonwealth agency shall provide the office  
18 with information on each settlement paid for each claim  
19 settled as required under section 3(f.1):

20 (i) Within five business days of the date of the  
21 settlement.

22 (ii) Before the office posts the information on the  
23 website.

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25 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.