

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**John J. Binienda (BY REQUEST)**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to establishing a searchable database of state expenditures.

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A SEARCHABLE DATABASE OF STATE EXPENDITURES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 7 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding after Section 3 the following:

3 Section 3 1/2

4 (a) As used in this section:

- 5 1. "Searchable website" means a website that allows the public to search  
6 and aggregate information described in subsection (c) at no cost; and  
7 2. "Expenditure of state funds" means the expenditure or transfer of any  
8 state appropriated or non-appropriated by any department, agency,  
9 office, or entity of state government in forms including but not limited  
10 to:

- 11 A. Grants;  
12 B. Contracts;  
13 C. Subcontracts;  
14 D. Purchase orders; and  
15 E. Expenditures from Reserve Fund

16 "Expenditure of state funds" does not include the transfer of funds  
17 between two departments, agencies, offices, or entities of state  
18 government, nor does it include the transfer of state or federal  
19 assistance payments to an individual recipient/beneficiary of such  
20 assistance payments.

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22 (b) No later than January 1, 2010, the Executive Office for Administration and  
23 Finance shall develop and operate a single website, accessible by the public at  
24 no cost, that includes:

25 1. For each expenditure of state funds, information including, but not  
26 limited to:

27 A. Name and municipality of the mailing address of the entity  
28 and/or recipients of the funds;

29 B. Amount of expenditure;

30 C. Type of transaction;

31 D. Identity of the department, agency, office, or entity of state  
32 government making the expenditure;

33 E. Budget program source for the expenditure;

34 F. Any other information deemed relevant by the Executive  
35 Office for Administration and Finance.

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37 2. The ability of the user to view information on the website in a format  
38 that is searchable and that may be downloaded and managed by the  
39 user with appropriate software; and

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41 3. The ability of users to provide input to the department regarding the  
42 utility of the site and recommendations for improvements.

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44 (c) The website shall include information for fiscal year 2009 no later than  
45 January 1, 2010; and thereafter, the website shall include information for the  
46 most recently completed fiscal year by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

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48 (d) All departments, agencies, and entities of state government shall fully  
49 cooperate with the Executive Office for Administration and Finance in  
50 compiling and providing all information necessary to comply with the  
51 requirements of this section.

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53 (e) Nothing in this section shall require disclosure of information deemed  
54 confidential by state or federal law.

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56 This act shall take effect upon becoming law.

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