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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4e-13 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The Department of Administrative Services, in consultation with
4 the State Contracting Standards Board, shall establish and maintain a
5 single electronic portal available on the Internet and located on the
6 Department of Administrative Services' web site for purposes of
7 posting all contracting and grant opportunities with state agencies in
8 the executive branch, the constituent units of the state system of higher
9 education and quasi-public agencies. Such electronic portal shall be
10 known as the State Contracting Portal.

11 (b) The State Contracting Portal shall, among other things, include:
12 (1) All requests for bids or proposals, and other solicitations regardless
13 of the method of source selection, related materials and all resulting
14 contracts and agreements by state agencies; (2) a searchable database
15 for locating information; (3) personal services agreements and

16 purchase of service agreements; (4) a state procurement and contract
17 manual or other similar information designated by the Department of
18 Administrative Services as describing approved contracting processes
19 and procedures; [and] (5) prominent features to encourage the active
20 recruitment and participation of small businesses and women and
21 minority-owned enterprises in the state contracting process; and (6) all
22 information concerning any state grant.

23 (c) All state agencies in the executive branch, the constituent units of
24 the state system of higher education and quasi-public agencies shall
25 post all bids, requests for proposals, grant opportunities and all
26 resulting contracts and agreements and grant awards on the State
27 Contracting Portal and shall, with the assistance of the Department of
28 Administrative Services and the Department of Information
29 Technology as needed, develop the infrastructure and capability to
30 electronically communicate with the State Contracting Portal.

31 (d) All state agencies in the executive branch, the constituent units
32 of the state system of higher education and quasi-public agencies shall
33 develop written policies and procedures to ensure that information is
34 posted to the State Contracting Portal in a timely, complete and
35 accurate manner consistent with the highest legal and ethical
36 standards of state government.

37 (e) The Department of Administrative Services shall periodically
38 report to the Governor and the State Contracting Standards Board on
39 the progress of all state agencies in the executive branch, the
40 constituent units of the state system higher education and quasi-public
41 agencies, in developing the capacity, infrastructure, policies and
42 procedures to electronically communicate with the State Contracting
43 Portal and the Department of Administrative Services' progress
44 toward establishment and maintenance of the State Contracting Portal.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	4e-13
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Statement of Purpose:

To expand the existing State Contracting Portal's content from including a searchable database of all state agency contracts to include all state grants.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]