

# Connecticut General Assembly



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Senator Toni Harp, Co-Chairperson  
Representative Toni Walker, Co-Chairperson  
Senator Robert Kane, Ranking Member  
Representative Craig Miner, Ranking Member  
Appropriations Committee  
Room 2600  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Sen. Harp, Rep. Walker, Sen. Kane, and Rep. Miner:

This is the first quarterly status report for the on-line searchable database required by PA 10-155, subsequent to its going live on 6/29/11. PA 10-155 requires quarterly reports to the Appropriations Committee on its progress beginning 11/1/10 and thereafter. This communication is intended to satisfy the 8/1/11 requirement.

The site, which is located at <http://www.transparency.ct.gov>, went live one month ago. Linkages to the site are currently provided via the homepages of the Office of Fiscal Analysis and the Connecticut General Assembly. Since the site went live, there have been 6,067 visits with 2,848 unique visitors from 34 countries. The most active date thus far was Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> with 631 visits.

Approximately two weeks' prior to the go-live date, state agency chief fiscal officers, representatives of the Office of State Comptroller and other select state agency personnel were granted access to the site and asked to review it to determine whether or not any potentially sensitive data were included. In response to comments received, financial aid payments to Charter Oak students were redacted and expenditures for the Employee Assistance Program were aggregated to the state agency (as opposed to sub-agency) level to ensure privacy. Otherwise, for the most part state agencies confirmed that the data on the site were not sensitive.

Prior to the next quarterly report which is due November 1, 2011, we plan, with the assistance of ITS, to continue to work with CORE-CT staff members to improve the efficiency of the process used to download data from CORE-CT to populate the transparency site. It is anticipated that FY 11 data will be loaded onto the site prior to the November 1, 2011, quarterly report.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Calandro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Alan Calandro

cc: Appropriations Committee Members  
Tim Kehoe in the Senate Clerk's Office  
Garey E. Coleman, House Clerk  
Kendall F. Wiggin, State Librarian  
Ken Greene, ITS  
Martha Carlson, Deputy Comptroller  
John Clark, Office of the State Comptroller  
Mary Yabrosky, Department of Administrative Services

# Attachment A

## **Public Act No. 10-155**

### **AN ACT REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEARCHABLE DATABASE FOR STATE EXPENDITURES.**

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before July 1, 2011, the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall establish and maintain searchable electronic databases on the Internet and located on said office's Internet web site for purposes of posting state expenditures, including state contracts and grants.

(b) Each budgeted agency, as defined in section 4-60 of the general statutes, shall submit, in a timely manner, any information requested by the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the electronic databases.

(c) On or before November 1, 2010, and quarterly thereafter, the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the establishment and maintenance of the electronic databases, with any recommendations for improving or expanding the operation or capacity of such databases.

(d) Following the establishment of the electronic databases, the Auditors of Public Accounts shall review the procedures and security used to develop the electronic databases and report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, any findings or recommendations based on such review to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a state agency to: (1) Create unavailable financial or management data or an information technology system that does not exist, or (2) disclose consumer, client, patient or student information otherwise protected by law from disclosure.

Approved June 7, 2010