

# Connecticut General Assembly



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Senator Toni Harp, Co-Chair  
Representative Toni Walker, Co-Chair  
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 second 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 11/1/11 requirement.

The site, which is located at <http://www.transparency.ct.gov>, went live June 2011 with the inclusion of Fiscal Year 2010 data. A linkage to the site is currently provided via the homepage of the Office of Fiscal Analysis. Since the site went live, there have been 29,422 visits with 4,962 unique visitors from 61 countries. The most active date thus far remains Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> with 631 visits.

Fiscal Year 2011 data were added to the site on November 1, 2011. Prior to the go-live dates for inclusion of Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011 data, state agency chief fiscal officers and representatives of the Office of State Comptroller 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, minor adjustments similar to those made for the initial launch of the site were made. These include the redacting of financial aid information and employee assistance program information.

Again, I would like to note that without the assistance of the staff of the CGA's Information Technology Services Dept. as well as the state comptroller's office, this site would not be operative.

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, Senate Clerk  
Garey E. Coleman, House Clerk  
Kendall F. Wiggin, State Librarian  
Ken Greene, ITS  
Susan Marsh, ITS  
Dan Jalbert, ITS  
Martha Carlson, Deputy Comptroller  
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# 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