

**SENATE BILL NO. 201**

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**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the establishment and maintenance of an Internet website providing  
2 public finance information; and identifying the information to be available on the  
3 Internet website."

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
6 to read:

7 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Alaska Open Government Act.

8 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 37.05 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

9 **Sec. 37.05.215. Public finance Internet website.** (a) The Department of  
10 Administration shall develop, operate, and maintain a searchable Internet website that  
11 is accessible to the public at no cost and that provides financial information available  
12 from the central accounting system describing

13 (1) state revenue for the preceding fiscal quarter, including

14 (A) a receipt or deposit by a state agency into a fund or account

1 established within the state treasury;

2 (B) proceeds from taxes received, including a compulsory  
3 contribution imposed by the state for the purpose of financing services;

4 (C) agency earnings, including amounts collected for sales or  
5 services, licenses or permits issued, or otherwise received by an agency under  
6 the agency's regulations;

7 (D) revenue received for the use of state money or property,  
8 including interest and lease payments;

9 (E) gifts, donations, and federal receipts; and

10 (F) other revenue; and

11 (2) expenditures for the preceding fiscal quarter, including

12 (A) the name and location of any person to whom payment was  
13 made;

14 (B) the amount of the expenditure disbursed;

15 (C) the type of transaction, by account code, including the  
16 purpose of the expenditure;

17 (D) other information specified by the department.

18 (b) The Department of Administration shall make the information described in  
19 (a) of this section available on the Internet website not later than 90 days after the last  
20 day of the preceding fiscal quarter.

21 (c) The Department of Revenue and other state agencies shall provide  
22 information to the Department of Administration that is necessary to comply with the  
23 requirements of this section.

24 (d) Nothing in this section requires disclosure of information that is  
25 confidential under state or federal law.

26 (e) In this section,

27 (1) "expenditure" means a payment from the state treasury that is  
28 greater than \$10,000 and that is made as a grant, subgrant, contract, subcontract, loan,  
29 lease, cooperative agreement, purchase order, task order, delivery order, or other form  
30 of financial transaction; however, "expenditure" does not include the transfer of  
31 money between state agencies, payment to state employees or retirees, or payment of

1 state or federal assistance to an individual;

2 (2) "searchable Internet website" means an Internet website that allows  
3 searching, extracting, compiling, and aggregating information from the data available  
4 on the website.

5 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
6 read:

7 **DELAYED AVAILABILITY.** The Internet website established under AS 37.05.215,  
8 added by sec. 2 of this Act, shall be available to the public on or before October 1, 2009.

9 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.** The initial Internet website established under  
12 AS 37.05.215, added by sec. 2 of this Act, must, notwithstanding the requirement of  
13 AS 37.05.215(a) that financial information be reported by fiscal quarter, list information from  
14 the previous fiscal year. Beginning on October 1, 2010, the list shall be updated on a quarterly  
15 basis.