

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 201(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Referred: Finance

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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 month, 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 month, 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 update the information described
19 in (a) of this section on the Internet website on a monthly basis.

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

23 (d) Nothing in this section requires disclosure of information that is
24 confidential under state or federal law. However, the Department of Administration
25 shall provide aggregated or summarized information describing confidential revenue
26 and expenditures if the aggregated or summarized information continues to protect
27 confidentiality.

28 (e) In this section,

29 (1) "expenditure" means a payment from the state treasury that is
30 greater than \$1,000 and that is made as a grant, subgrant, contract, subcontract, loan,
31 lease, cooperative agreement, purchase order, task order, delivery order, or other form

1 of financial transaction; however, "expenditure" does not include the transfer of
2 money between state agencies, individual payments to state employees or retirees, or
3 payment of state or federal assistance to an individual;

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

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

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

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

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