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HOUSE BILL DRH30475-MDa-137 (04/27)

Short Title: Increase Government Contract Transparency. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives G. Martin, Ager, Salmon, and B. Turner (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT NC OPENBOOK SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON ALL STATE CONTRACTS, WHETHER BID COMPETITIVELY OR OTHERWISE; AND TO REQUIRE THAT NC OPENBOOK INCLUDE ACCESS TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 143C-2-5 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143C-2-5. Grants and contracts database.

(a) The Director of the Budget shall require the Office of State Budget and Management, with the support of the Department of Information Technology, to build and maintain a database and Web site for providing a single, searchable Web site on State spending for grants and contracts to be known as NC OpenBook. All State contracts, whether bid competitively or otherwise, shall be included in the database and Web site. The NC OpenBook Web site shall also include access to campaign finance reports made available online by the State Board of Elections.

(b) The head of each State institution, department, bureau, agency, or commission, or a designee, shall conduct a quarterly review of all State contracts and grants administered by that ~~agency.~~ agency, whether awarded competitively or otherwise.

(c) All State institutions, departments, bureaus, agencies, or commissions that maintain a Web site shall be required to include an access link to the NC OpenBook Web site on the home page of the agency Web site. Each agency shall also prominently display a search engine on the agency Web site home page to allow for ease of searching for information, including contracts and grants, on the agency's Web site."

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year to pay for the costs of upgrading NC OpenBook as required by this act.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2016. The remainder of this act becomes effective October 1, 2016.

