AN ACT to amend 16.413 (2) (a), 16.413 (2) (c), 16.413 (3) (a) (intro.) and 16.413 (3) (b) of the statutes; relating to: providing the public with information on state agency operations expenditures and state agency contracts and grants.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, the Department of Administration (DOA) must ensure that all state agency expenditures for state operations exceeding $100, including salaries and fringe benefits paid to state agency employees, are available for inspection on a searchable Internet Web site maintained by DOA. In addition, DOA must ensure that all of the following information relating to state agency grants and contracts is available for inspection on a searchable Internet Web site: a copy of the contract and grant award; the state agency making the grant or entering into the contract; the name and address of the person receiving the grant or entering into the contract; the purpose of the grant or contract; and the amount of the grant or the amount the state agency must expend under the contract and the name of the state fund from which the grant is paid or moneys are expended under the contract. However, DOA has yet to implement these programs.

This bill requires that DOA implement these programs before July 1, 2012. In addition, the bill mandates certain time frames for state agencies to report expenditures and grants and contracts to DOA for purposes of making the information available for inspection on DOA's Internet Web site.
For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 16.413 (2) (a) of the statutes, as created by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is amended to read:

16.413 (2) (a) The Beginning on July 1, 2012, the department shall ensure that all state agency expenditures for state operations exceeding $100, including salaries and fringe benefits paid to state agency employees, are available for inspection on a searchable Internet Web site maintained by the department. Copies of each financial instrument relating to these expenditures, other than payments relating to state employee salaries, shall be available for inspection on the searchable Internet Web site.

SECTION 2. 16.413 (2) (c) of the statutes, as created by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is amended to read:

16.413 (2) (c) State Beginning with expenditures made on July 1, 2012, state agencies shall provide the department with all expenditure information required under par. (a) no later than 60 days after the expenditure is made. The department may specify the format in which state agencies provide the expenditure information.

SECTION 3. 16.413 (3) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as created by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is amended to read:

16.413 (3) (a) (intro.) The Beginning on July 1, 2012, the department shall ensure that all of the following information relating to each grant made by a state agency or contract entered into by a state agency is available for inspection on a searchable Internet Web site maintained by the department:
SECTION 4. 16.413 (3) (b) of the statutes, as created by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32, is amended to read:

16.413 (3) (b) State Beginning with grants made and contracts entered into by state agencies on July 1, 2012, state agencies shall provide the department with all of the information required under par. (a) no later than 10 days after the state agency makes a grant or enters into a contract. The department may specify the format in which state agencies provide the information. The department shall make the information available on the searchable Internet Web site no later than 30 days after the state agency makes a grant or enters into a contract.

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