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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the distribution of general reports and  
3 newsletters; amending s. 283.30, F.S.; providing  
4 definitions; creating s. 283.551, F.S.; prohibiting  
5 government agencies from mailing unsolicited general  
6 reports and newsletters; permitting such agencies to post  
7 general reports and newsletters on the agency's Internet  
8 website; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsections (4) through (6) of section 283.30,  
13 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6) through (8),  
14 respectively, and new subsections (4) and (5) are added to said  
15 section to read:

16 283.30 Definitions.--As used in this part, unless the  
17 context clearly requires otherwise, the term:

18 (4) "General report" means a document containing  
19 information about a broad range of issues relating to an agency  
20 that is intended to convey general information regarding that  
21 agency and its status over a period of time or as of a certain  
22 date.

23 (5) "Newsletter" means a brief document issued at regular  
24 intervals of less than a year containing news about an agency.

25 Section 2. Section 283.551, Florida Statutes, is created  
26 to read:

27 283.551 Distribution of general reports and newsletters.--

28 (1) Except as otherwise provided in chapter 119 or as  
29 otherwise authorized by law, an agency is not authorized to mail  
30 general reports and newsletters except in response to requests



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31 pursuant to chapter 119 or to addresses in publication mailing  
32 lists pursuant to s. 283.55. A general report or newsletter may  
33 be mailed to persons requesting the general report or newsletter  
34 or requesting receipt of all agency general reports or  
35 newsletters. However, regulatory newsletters provided to  
36 affected persons or reports or newsletters relating to the  
37 prevention or treatment of disease or injury may be mailed  
38 without a request.

39 (2) An agency may post any general report or newsletter on  
40 the agency's Internet website.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.