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An act relating to state and local government spending; providing definitions; requiring the Department of State to create and manage a free website disclosing certain spending by state and local governmental entities under certain contracts; providing requirements concerning the content of the website; providing an exemption for public records that are not subject to disclosure; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. <u>Transparency of spending by state and local</u> government.--
 - (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Contract" means a legally binding agreement between a governmental entity and a person which requires the entity to pay the person \$5,000 or more. The term includes any agreement that would require a total payment of \$5,000 or more if each term extension that the agreement authorizes was instituted.
- (b) "Expenditure" means a payment that a governmental entity makes to a person under a contract.
- (c) "Governmental entity" means a state agency, a political subdivision, a corporation created by and acting on behalf of a state agency or political subdivision, or a taxing authority created by a state agency or political subdivision.
- (d) "Person" means a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability

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partnership, sole proprietorship, or any other legal business entity, whether for profit or nonprofit. The term excludes an individual, an employee of a governmental entity, or an employee of the Federal Government.

- (2) The Department of State shall create and manage a free website that is searchable. The website must list, for each quarter of each calendar year, each expenditure made on or after July 1, 2007, by a governmental entity to a person under a contract by:
- (a) Name of the governmental entity making the
 expenditure;
 - (b) Name of the person receiving the expenditure;
 - (c) Date of the expenditure;

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- (d) Amount of the expenditure; and
- (e) Purpose of the expenditure.

The website also must state the name of each party to a contract for which the website lists an expenditure and provide an electronic copy of the contract.

- (3) This section does not require that any public record that is exempt from inspection or copying under chapter 119, Florida Statutes, be listed on a website.
 - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.