

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to statutorily required reports;  
3           amending s. 286.001, F.S.; defining the term "state  
4           entity"; revising the procedure for filing statutorily  
5           required or authorized reports; deleting provisions  
6           requiring that abstracts be filed for statutorily  
7           required or authorized reports; requiring state  
8           entities to redact confidential or confidential and  
9           exempt information from reports before filing;  
10          providing that the Division of Library and Information  
11          Services of the Department of State or the department,  
12          or any contractor thereof, is not responsible for  
13          redaction and may not be held liable for the failure  
14          of a state entity to redact exempt or confidential and  
15          exempt information from its reports; requiring state  
16          entities to submit a specified accompanying statement  
17          identifying the applicable provisions for such  
18          redactions; requiring the state entity to retain or  
19          archive reports in accordance with certain schedules;  
20          requiring the division to compile and annually update  
21          a list of all statutorily required reports and their  
22          submission dates; requiring the division to publish  
23          such list on the department's website; requiring the  
24          division to compile, beginning on a specified date,  
25          bibliographic information on received reports in a

26 | specified database; requiring the division to update  
 27 | the bibliographic information on a quarterly basis;  
 28 | requiring that the bibliographic information be  
 29 | distributed quarterly to the Governor and the  
 30 | Legislature; requiring the division to implement and  
 31 | maintain a database for such reports by a specified  
 32 | date; specifying requirements for the database;  
 33 | deleting a provision requiring state entities to  
 34 | create, store, manage, update, retrieve, and  
 35 | disseminate statutorily required or authorized reports  
 36 | in an electronic format; deleting a provision related  
 37 | to construction; providing an appropriation; providing  
 38 | an effective date.

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

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42 | Section 1. Section 286.001, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 43 | to read:

44 | 286.001 Reports statutorily required; filing, maintenance,  
 45 | retrieval, and provision of copies.—

46 | (1) For purposes of this section, the term "state entity"  
 47 | means any agency or officer of the executive, legislative, or  
 48 | judicial branch of state government, the State Board of  
 49 | Education, the Board of Governors of the State University  
 50 | System, the Public Service Commission, or a water management

51 district operating under the authority of chapter 373.

52 (2) A state entity ~~Unless otherwise specifically provided~~  
53 ~~by law, any agency or officer of the executive, legislative, or~~  
54 ~~judicial branches of state government, the State Board of~~  
55 ~~Education, the Board of Governors of the State University~~  
56 ~~System, or the Public Service Commission~~ required or authorized  
57 by law to make a regular or periodic report ~~reports regularly or~~  
58 ~~periodically~~ shall fulfill the requirement to submit the report  
59 by electronically filing ~~such requirement by filing an abstract~~  
60 ~~of the report with the statutorily or administratively~~  
61 ~~designated recipients of the report and an abstract and one copy~~  
62 of the report with the Division of Library and Information  
63 Services of the Department of State, ~~unless the head of the~~  
64 ~~reporting entity makes a determination that the additional cost~~  
65 ~~of providing the entire report to the statutorily or~~  
66 ~~administratively designated recipients is justified. A one-page~~  
67 ~~summary justifying the determination shall be submitted to the~~  
68 ~~chairs of the governmental operations committees of both houses~~  
69 ~~of the Legislature. The abstract of the contents of such report~~  
70 shall be no more than one-half page in length. The actual report  
71 must ~~shall~~ be retained by the reporting agency or officer, and  
72 copies of the report must ~~shall~~ be provided to interested  
73 parties and the statutorily or administratively designated  
74 recipients of the report upon request.

75 (a) A state entity that submits a report pursuant to this

76 section is solely responsible for redacting any portion of the  
 77 report which is not subject to public inspection. The division  
 78 or the department, or any contractor thereof, is not responsible  
 79 for and may not be held liable for the failure of a state entity  
 80 to redact exempt or confidential and exempt information from its  
 81 reports.

82 (b) If a report is redacted, the state entity submitting  
 83 the report must provide to the division an accompanying  
 84 statement that identifies the specific statutory basis for the  
 85 redaction.

86 (3) The state entity shall retain or archive each report  
 87 in accordance with the applicable records retention schedule.

88 (4)-(2) With respect to reports statutorily required of  
 89 state entities ~~agencies or officers within the executive,~~  
 90 ~~legislative, or judicial branches of state government, the State~~  
 91 ~~Board of Education, the Board of Governors of the State~~  
 92 ~~University System, or the Public Service Commission, it is the~~  
 93 ~~duty of the division, in addition to its duties under s. 257.05,~~  
 94 to:

95 (a) By November 1, 2023, with assistance from the state  
 96 entities, compile a list of statutorily required reports and  
 97 their submission dates. The division shall update this list by  
 98 each November 1 thereafter. The division shall publish the list  
 99 on the Department of State's publicly accessible website  
 100 ~~Regularly compile and update bibliographic information on such~~

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101 ~~reports for distribution as provided in paragraph (b). Such~~  
102 ~~bibliographic information may be included in the bibliographies~~  
103 ~~prepared by the division pursuant to s. 257.05(3).~~

104 (b) Beginning January 1, 2024, compile bibliographic  
105 information on each statutorily required report it receives for  
106 publication in the database implemented and maintained under  
107 paragraph (d). The division shall update the bibliographic  
108 information on a quarterly basis. The bibliographic information  
109 may be included in the bibliographies prepared by the division  
110 pursuant to s. 257.05(3).

111 (c) Beginning April 15, 2024, and each calendar quarter  
112 thereafter, distribute the most recently completed quarter's  
113 bibliography created pursuant to paragraph (b) to the Governor,  
114 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
115 Representatives.

116 (d) By January 1, 2024, implement and maintain a publicly  
117 available Internet-based database of the statutorily required  
118 reports and bibliographic information that it receives or  
119 creates pursuant to this section. The database must be  
120 searchable, at a minimum, by the report's designated recipient,  
121 the state entity that submitted the report, the date of the  
122 report's submission, the law requiring the state entity to  
123 submit the report, the title or topic of the report, and  
124 identifiable keywords ~~Provide for at least quarterly~~  
125 ~~distribution of bibliographic information on reports to:~~

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126           ~~1. Agencies and officers within the executive,~~  
127 ~~legislative, and judicial branches of state government, the~~  
128 ~~State Board of Education, the Board of Governors of the State~~  
129 ~~University System, and the Public Service Commission, free of~~  
130 ~~charge; and~~

131           ~~2. Other interested parties upon request properly made and~~  
132 ~~upon payment of the actual cost of duplication pursuant to s.~~  
133 ~~119.07(1).~~

134           ~~(3) As soon as practicable, the administrative head of~~  
135 ~~each executive, legislative, or judicial agency and each agency~~  
136 ~~of the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors of the~~  
137 ~~State University System, and the Public Service Commission~~  
138 ~~required by law to make reports periodically shall ensure that~~  
139 ~~those reports are created, stored, managed, updated, retrieved,~~  
140 ~~and disseminated through electronic means.~~

141           ~~(4) This section may not be construed to waive or modify~~  
142 ~~the requirement in s. 257.05(2) pertaining to the provision of~~  
143 ~~copies of state publications to the division.~~

144           Section 2. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of \$1  
145 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is  
146 appropriated to the Department of State for the purpose of  
147 implementing and maintaining the database of statutorily  
148 required reports and bibliographic information as required by  
149 this act.

150           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.