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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Avila) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 104 - 148

and insert:

(b) Beginning January 1, 2024, compile bibliographic information on each statutorily required report it receives for publication in the system implemented and maintained under subsection (5). The division shall update the bibliographic information on a quarterly basis. The bibliographic information may be included in the bibliographies prepared by the division



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11 pursuant to s. 257.05(3).

12 (c) Beginning April 15, 2024, and each calendar quarter  
13 thereafter, distribute the most recently completed quarter's  
14 bibliography created pursuant to paragraph (b) to the Governor,  
15 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
16 Representatives.

17 (5) The Legislature finds that statutory reporting  
18 requirements for state entities is of great value to the public  
19 for accountability and transparency in government. A single,  
20 modern, Internet-based repository is necessary to compile  
21 reports on government activities as well as to ensure that  
22 statutorily required reports are easily accessible and available  
23 to the public. The ability to search for a statutorily required  
24 report by specific information will save time for the requestor  
25 and reduce the workload of state entities that are required to  
26 respond to requests for reports. Therefore, the Legislature  
27 intends that the division receive statutorily required reports,  
28 and by January 1, 2024, the division shall implement and  
29 maintain a publicly available, Internet-based system that  
30 includes, but is not limited to, the following features and  
31 functions:

32 (a) A section or subsection that is dedicated to the  
33 cataloging of statutorily required reports;

34 (b) The ability for state entities to electronically file  
35 statutorily required reports and to receive electronic  
36 confirmation of those filings;

37 (c) The ability to search for and retrieve electronic  
38 versions of statutorily required reports by using the report's  
39 designated recipient, the state entity that submitted the



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40 report, the date of the report's submission, the law requiring  
41 the state entity to submit the report, the title or topic of the  
42 report, and identifiable keywords; and

43 (d) The ability for users to receive automated  
44 notifications of the filing of statutorily required reports  
45 based on user-defined criteria ~~Provide for at least quarterly~~  
46 ~~distribution of bibliographic information on reports to:~~

47 ~~1. Agencies and officers within the executive, legislative,~~  
48 ~~and judicial branches of state government, the State Board of~~  
49 ~~Education, the Board of Governors of the State University~~  
50 ~~System, and the Public Service Commission, free of charge; and~~

51 ~~2. Other interested parties upon request properly made and~~  
52 ~~upon payment of the actual cost of duplication pursuant to s.~~  
53 ~~119.07(1).~~

54 ~~(3) As soon as practicable, the administrative head of each~~  
55 ~~executive, legislative, or judicial agency and each agency of~~  
56 ~~the State Board of Education, the Board of Governors of the~~  
57 ~~State University System, and the Public Service Commission~~  
58 ~~required by law to make reports periodically shall ensure that~~  
59 ~~those reports are created, stored, managed, updated, retrieved,~~  
60 ~~and disseminated through electronic means.~~

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

64 Section 2. For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the sum of \$1  
65 million in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is  
66 appropriated to the Department of State for the purpose of  
67 implementing and maintaining the searchable, publicly available,  
68 Internet-based system for statutorily required reports as



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69 required by this act.

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71 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

72 And the title is amended as follows:

73 Delete lines 26 - 32

74 and insert:

75 specified system; requiring the division to update the  
76 bibliographic information on a quarterly basis;  
77 requiring that the bibliographic information be  
78 distributed quarterly to the Governor and the  
79 Legislature, beginning on a specified date; providing  
80 legislative findings and intent; requiring the  
81 division to implement and maintain a publicly  
82 available, Internet-based system for such reports by a  
83 specified date; specifying features and functions for  
84 such system;