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SYNOPSIS

Requires government records to be made available on the Internet.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT requiring government records to be made available on the
2 Internet and supplementing P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to any other responsibility conferred by
8 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), the custodian of a government
9 record shall make that record available to the public for inspection,
10 examination, copying and printing at no charge by posting the
11 government record, in a searchable format, on an Internet website
12 maintained by, or made available to, the custodian.

13 A government record created after the effective date of this act
14 shall be posted on the website as soon as possible but not later than
15 30 days after its creation. A government record that was created
16 prior to the effective date of this act shall be posted on the website
17 within six months of that effective date.

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19 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day after the date of
20 enactment.

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23 STATEMENT

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25 This bill requires the custodian of a government record to make
26 that record available to the public for inspection, examination,
27 copying and printing at no charge by posting the government
28 record, in a searchable format, on an Internet website maintained
29 by, or made available to, the custodian.

30 It also provides that a government record created after the bill's
31 effective date must be posted on the website as soon as possible but
32 not later than 30 days after its creation and that a government record
33 that was created prior to the bill's effective date must be posted on
34 the website within six months of that effective date. The bill will
35 take effect on the 60th day after enactment.