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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
144th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 185

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO A SEARCHABLE ARCHIVE OF ALL
CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Chapter 15, Title 14, Delaware Code by adding thereto the following:

“§1508. Searchable school district and charter school contracts

(a) The Department of Education (in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget) shall create and maintain a searchable website which shall contain all contracts entered into by any school district or charter school on and after the effective date of this Act. Such website shall be accessible directly from the home page of the Department of Education. Such website shall include with each contract a synopsis of its bidding process. Each contract shall be posted upon such website within 30 days of its execution and shall remain thereon for a period of at least 10 years.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) ‘Searchable website’ means a website that allows the public at no cost to search and aggregate information for the following:

- a. the name and principal location or residence of the entity and/or recipients of funds;
- b. the amount of funds expended;
- c. the funding or expending school district;
- d. the funding source of the revenue expended;
- e. the budget program/activity of the expenditure;
- f. a descriptive purpose for the funding action or expenditure;
- g. the expected performance outcome for the funding action or expenditure;
- h. the past performance outcomes achieved for the funding action or expenditure;
- i. and any other relevant information specified by the Department of Education.

(2) ‘Entity and/or recipients’ means:

- 21 a. a corporation;
- 22 b. an association;
- 23 c. a union;
- 24 d. a limited liability company;
- 25 e. a limited liability partnership;
- 26 f. any other legal business entity including non-profits;
- 27 g. grantees;
- 28 h. contractors; and
- 29 i. a county, city or other local government entity.”.

30 Section 2. This Act shall become effective 6 months after its enactment into law.

SYNOPSIS

This Act requires the creation and maintenance of a searchable website for contracts entered into by school districts and charter schools.

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