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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:

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

2 “§1508. Searchable school district and charter school contracts

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

8 (b) For the purposes of this section:

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

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

20 (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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