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To enact section 126.50 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Department of Budget and Management to 2
electronically publish information regarding state 3
awards. 4

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

Section 1. That section 126.50 of the Revised Code be enacted 5
to read as follows: 6

Sec. 126.50. (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Entity" means, whether for profit or nonprofit, a 8
corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, 9
sole proprietorship, or other business entity. "Entity" does not 10
include an individual who receives state assistance that is not 11
related to the individual's business. 12

(2)(a) "State award" means state financial assistance and 13
expenditures of not less than one thousand dollars in any of the 14
following forms: 15

(i) Grants, subgrants, loans, awards, cooperative agreements, 16
or other similar forms of financial assistance; 17

(ii) Contracts, subcontracts, purchase orders, task orders, 18
delivery orders, or other similar types of transactions. 19

(b) "State award" does not include compensation received as an employee of the state. 20
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(B) The office of budget and management shall establish and maintain a single searchable web site, accessible by the public at no cost, that includes all of the following information for each state award: 22
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(1) The name and location of the entity receiving the award; 26

(2) The amount of the award or, if more than one award, the aggregate amount of the awards; 27
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(3) The purpose of the award; 29

(4) The agency or other instrumentality of the state that is requesting or providing the award. 30
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(C) The office of budget and management may consult with other state agencies in the development, establishment, operation, and support of the web site. The web site shall list state awards by fiscal year in which the award is made, beginning with fiscal year 2009. Awards shall be posted on the web site within thirty days after being made. The office of budget and management shall provide an opportunity for public comment as to the utility of the web site and any suggested improvements. 32
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(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the disclosure of confidential information. 40
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