

**Introduced by Senators Huff, DeSaulnier, Florez, and Hollingsworth**  
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An act to add Title 21 (commencing with Section 99600) to the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 719, as introduced, Huff. State agency Internet Web sites: information.

Existing law imposes specified duties on state agencies and provides for public access to government records.

This bill would require each state department and agency to develop and operate a searchable Internet Web site accessible by the public that includes specified information relating to expenditures of state funds, defined to include, among other things, contracts, grants, purchase orders, subcontracts, and tax refunds, rebates, and credits.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Title 21 (commencing with Section 99600) is  
2 added to the Government Code, to read:

3  
4 TITLE 21. TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2009

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6 99600. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
7 Taxpayer Transparency Act of 2009.

1 99601. The following definitions apply for purposes of this  
2 title:

3 (a) (1) “Expenditure of state funds” means the expenditure or  
4 transfer of any state appropriated or nonappropriated funds in an  
5 amount in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) by any  
6 department, agency, office or entity of state government in the  
7 form of, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- 8 (A) Contracts.
- 9 (B) Expenditures from a reserve account for use in the event of
- 10 any revenue fluctuations.
- 11 (C) Grants.
- 12 (D) Purchase orders.
- 13 (E) Subcontracts.
- 14 (F) Tax refunds, rebates, and credits.

15 (2) “Expenditure of state funds” shall not include the transfer  
16 of funds between two departments, agencies, offices, or entities  
17 of state government, or the transfer of state or federal assistance  
18 payments to an individual recipient or beneficiary of those  
19 assistance payments.

20 (b) “Searchable Internet Web site” means an Internet Web site  
21 that allows the public to search and aggregate information  
22 described in Section 99602 and is accessible from any department’s  
23 or agency’s homepage.

24 99602. (a) No later than July 1, 2010, with assistance from  
25 the office of the State Chief Information Officer, the Department  
26 of Finance, the Department of General Services, and the Governor’s  
27 office, each state department and agency shall develop and operate  
28 a searchable Internet Web site, accessible by the public at no cost,  
29 that includes all of the following:

- 30 (1) For each expenditure of state funds, information including,  
31 but not limited to, the following:
- 32 (A) The name and principal location or residence of each entity  
33 or other recipient of the funds.
- 34 (B) The amount of expenditure.
- 35 (C) The type of transaction.
- 36 (D) The identity of the department, agency, office, or other  
37 entity of state government making the expenditure.
- 38 (E) The budget program source for the expenditure.
- 39 (F) A description of the purpose of the expenditure.

1 (G) A description of any item purchased pursuant to the  
2 expenditure.

3 (H) Any other information deemed relevant by the Department  
4 of Finance, the office of the State Chief Information Officer, the  
5 Department of General Services, and the Governor's office.

6 (2) The ability of the user to view information on the searchable  
7 Internet Web site in a format that is searchable and that may be  
8 downloaded and managed by the user with appropriate software.

9 (3) The ability of users to provide input to each respective  
10 department or agency regarding the utility of the searchable Internet  
11 Web site and recommendations for improvements to the searchable  
12 Internet Web site.

13 (b) The searchable Internet Web site shall include information  
14 for the 2008–09 fiscal year no later than July 1, 2010, and  
15 thereafter, the searchable Internet Web site shall be updated and  
16 shall include information for the most recently completed month.

17 (c) Each department, agency, and entity of state government  
18 shall fully cooperate with the Department of Finance, the office  
19 of the State Chief Information Officer, the Department of General  
20 Services, and the Governor's office in compiling and providing  
21 all information necessary to comply with the requirements of this  
22 section.

23 (d) Nothing in this section requires disclosure of information  
24 deemed confidential or otherwise exempt from disclosure under  
25 state or federal law.