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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1759

Introduced by Assembly Member Papan

January 18, 2000

An act to add Sections 6253.1 and 11790.52 to the Government Code, relating to public records.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1759, as amended, Papan. Public records: Internet reports.

Under the California Public Records Act, certain public records are required to be made available for public inspection.

This bill would require every state agency that establishes and maintains, or causes to be maintained, a site on the Internet to make available on the Internet a list of all reports and studies initiated and prepared by that state agency or prepared pursuant to a contract with that state agency that are otherwise subject to disclosure pursuant to the act. ~~The bill would require these state agencies to make available on the Internet a list of all pending reports or studies.~~ These provisions would not become operative if AB 2100 is enacted.

This bill also would require state agencies to submit proposals for posting on the Internet a list of its reports or

studies, as specified. This provision would become operative only if AB 2100 is also enacted.

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. It is the intent of the Legislature to allow
2 Californians to access public information through the
3 California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5
4 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1
5 of the Government Code) and to make citizens aware of
6 the good work that has been done and is being initiated
7 by state agencies. Furthermore, it is ~~furth~~er the intent of
8 the Legislature to enable individuals to know succinctly
9 what information produced by state agencies is available
10 to the public upon request.

11 SEC. 2. Section 6253.1 is added to the Government
12 Code, to read:

13 6253.1. (a) Every state agency that establishes and
14 maintains, or causes to be maintained, a site on the
15 Internet shall make available on the Internet a list of all
16 reports and studies initiated and prepared by that state
17 agency or prepared pursuant to a contract with that state
18 agency; ~~including, but not limited to, opinion polls,~~
19 ~~surveys, and research projects,~~ that are otherwise subject
20 to disclosure pursuant to this chapter. This list shall be
21 continuously updated to include every completed report
22 or study that is subject to disclosure not more than 10
23 working days after the completion of the report or study.
24 No report or study shall be removed from the list for a
25 period of one year from the date that it was added to the
26 list made available on the Internet. ~~The state agency shall~~
27 ~~make available on the Internet a list of all pending reports~~
28 ~~or studies that it initiates and shall update this list not~~
29 ~~more than 10 working days after the initiation of a~~
30 ~~pending report or study.~~ *The agency shall organize the*
31 *list to facilitate ease of use. The list may be organized by*
32 *the type or subject matter of the documents, or other*



1 *reasonable sorting criteria, and may consolidate listings*
2 *for similar or recurring documents.*

3 (b) For purposes of this ~~section~~, *section*:

4 (1) “Internet” has the meaning set forth in paragraph
5 (6) of subdivision (e) of Section 17538 of the Business and
6 Professions Code.

7 (2) *Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 6252,*
8 *“state agency” does not include the California*
9 *Community Colleges, the California State University, or*
10 *the University of California.*

11 (3) “Report or study” *means a written analysis,*
12 *interpretation, or summary of research, including, but*
13 *not limited to, opinion polls, surveys, policy summaries,*
14 *and research projects, but does not include statistical*
15 *compilations or printouts of computer data bases, without*
16 *analysis or interpretation, that are created on a recurring*
17 *basis and intended for the agency’s internal use.*

18 SEC. 3. Section 11790.52 is added to the Government
19 Code, to read:

20 11790.52. State agencies shall submit proposals to the
21 California Internet Portal Management Authority for
22 continued posting on the Internet, on or after July 1, 2001,
23 unless otherwise authorized by the Department of
24 Information Technology pursuant to Executive Order
25 D-3-99, a list of all reports or studies initiated and
26 prepared by that state agency or prepared pursuant to a
27 contract with that state agency. Proposals submitted for
28 posting shall include content maintenance provisions, as
29 provided by this chapter.

30 SEC. 4. Section 3 of this act conforms the additions to
31 the California Public Records Act (Chapter 3.5
32 (commencing with Section 6250) of Division 7 of Title 1
33 of the Government Code) made by this act to policies
34 regarding electronic governance envisioned by AB 2100
35 of the 1999–2000 Regular Session of the Legislature.
36 Section 3 shall become operative only if both this bill and
37 AB 2100 are enacted and become effective on or before



1 January 1, 2001, in which case Section 2 shall not become
2 operative.

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