

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 437

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A RESOLUTION relative to the creation of a searchable database web site detailing the who, what, when, where, and why of state expenditures.

WHEREAS, the general assembly finds that Tennessee's taxpayers should be able to easily access the details on how state government is spending their tax dollars and what performance results are achieved for those expenditures; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the department of finance and administration is hereby urged and encouraged to create and maintain a single, searchable budget database web site detailing the following information for all taxpayer investments in state government:

- (1) To whom and for whose benefit state expenditures are made;
- (2) When or at what time or times state expenditures are made;
- (3) Where or at what localities or entities state expenditures are made;
- (4) Why or for what purpose state expenditures are made; and
- (5) What results are achieved in making state expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of finance and administration is urged and encouraged to make such state budget database web site publicly available, including the pertinent data for fiscal year 2009-2010, by January 1, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of finance and administration is urged and encouraged to update such searchable budget database web site for each subsequent fiscal year not later than thirty (30) days following the close of the fiscal year and further update the searchable budget database web site as new data becomes available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of finance and administration is urged and encouraged to continue to add data for budgets from previous fiscal years to the searchable budget database web site, as is available and as time permits. The department is urged and encouraged to keep all data added to the searchable budget database web site publicly available for a minimum of ten (10) years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of finance and administration.