A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transparency in state contracting; amending s. 215.985, F.S.; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to establish and maintain a secure website for public viewing of information contained in the contract tracking system; requiring state agencies to post certain information to the contract tracking system; requiring that exempt and confidential information be redacted from contracts posted on the system; providing a process for state agencies when a document has not been properly redacted; providing a method for a party to a contract to notify a state agency that a document has not been properly redacted and to request redaction; requiring the display of a notice of the right of an affected party to request redaction; providing that certain persons are not responsible for redacting confidential or exempt information and are not liable for failure of a state agency to redact the information; providing that posting information on the contract tracking system does not supersede the duty of a state agency to respond to a public records request; providing for service of a subpoena; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to adopt rules; defining the term "state agency"; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Subsection (16) of section 215.985, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 215.985 Transparency in government spending.-
- maintain a secure contract tracking provide public access to a state contract management system available for viewing and downloading by the public through a secure website. The Chief Financial Officer shall use appropriate Internet security measures to ensure that no person has the ability to alter or modify records available on the website that provides information and documentation relating to contracts procured by governmental entities.
- (a) Within 30 calendar days after executing a contract, each state agency shall post the following information relating to the contract on the contract tracking system:
 - 1. The names of the contracting entities.
 - 2. The procurement method.
 - 3. The contract beginning and ending dates.
- 4. The nature or type of the commodities or services purchased.
 - 5. Applicable contract unit prices and deliverables.
- 6. Total compensation to be paid or received under the contract.
 - 7. All payments made to the contractor to date.
 - 8. Applicable contract performance measures.
- 9. Electronic copies of the contract that have been redacted to exclude confidential or exempt information The data collected in the system must include, but need not be limited

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to, the contracting agency; the procurement method; the contract beginning and ending dates; the type of commodity or service; the purpose of the commodity or service; the compensation to be paid; compliance information, such as performance metrics for the service or commodity; contract violations; the number of extensions or renewals; and the statutory authority for providing the service.

- (b) Within 30 days after an amendment a major change to an existing contract, or the execution of a new contract, agency procurement staff of the state agency that is a party to the contract must affected state governmental entity shall update the necessary information described in paragraph (a) in the state contract tracking management system. An amendment A major change to a contract includes, but is not limited to, a renewal, termination, or extension of the contract or a modification of an amendment to the terms of the contract.
- (c) By January 1, 2014, each state agency shall post to the contract tracking system the information required in paragraph (a) for each existing contract that was executed before July 1, 2013.
- (d)1. Records made available on the contract tracking system may not reveal information made confidential or exempt by law.
- 2. Each state agency that is a party to a contract must redact confidential or exempt information from the contract before posting an electronic copy on the contract tracking system. If a state agency that is a party to the contract becomes aware that an electronic copy of a contract has been

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posted but has not been properly redacted, the state agency must immediately notify the Chief Financial Officer and must immediately remove the contract from the contract tracking system. Within 7 business days, the state agency must post a properly redacted copy of the contract on the contract tracking system.

- 3.a. If a party to a contract, or an authorized representative of a party to a contract, discovers that an electronic copy of a contract has been posted to the contract tracking system but has not been properly redacted, the party or representative may request the state agency that is a party to the contract to redact the confidential or exempt information. Upon receipt of the request, the state agency shall redact the confidential or exempt information.
- b. A request to redact confidential or exempt information must be made in writing and delivered by mail, facsimile, electronic transmission, or in person to the state agency that is a party to the contract. The request must identify the specific document, the page numbers that include the confidential or exempt information, the information that is confidential or exempt, and the applicable statutory exemption.

 A fee may not be charged for a redaction made pursuant to the request.
- 4. The contract tracking system shall display a notice of the right of an affected party to request redaction of confidential or exempt information contained on the system.
- 5.a. The Chief Financial Officer, the Department of Financial Services, or an officer, employee, or contractor

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thereof, is not responsible for redacting confidential or exempt information from an electronic copy of a contract posted by another state agency on the system.

- b. The Chief Financial Officer, the Department of Financial Services, or any officer, employee, or contractor thereof, is not liable for the failure of a state agency to redact the confidential or exempt information.
- (e)1. The posting of information on the contract tracking system or the provision of contract information on a website for public viewing and downloading does not supersede the duty of a state agency to respond to a public records request or subpoena for the information.
- 2. A request for a copy of a contract or certified copy of a contract shall be made to the state agency that is party to the contract. The request may not be made to the Chief Financial Officer, the Department of Financial Services, or any officer, employee, or contractor thereof, unless the Chief Financial Officer or the department is a party to the contract.
- 3. A subpoena for a copy of a contract or certified copy of a contract must be served on the state agency that is a party to the contract and that maintains the original documents. The Chief Financial Officer, the Department of Financial Services, or any officer, employee, or contractor thereof, may not be served a subpoena for those records unless the Chief Financial Officer or the department is a party to the contract.
- (f) The Chief Financial Officer may adopt rules to administer this subsection.
 - (g) For purposes of this subsection, the term "state

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agency" means a state agency as defined in s. 216.011, excluding the judicial branch, the Department of Legal Affairs, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Department of Financial Services. However, the judicial branch, the Department of Legal Affairs, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Department of Financial Services may elect to comply with the provisions of this subsection in whole or in part.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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