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S 1050. OPENBOOK GOVERNMENT. Filed 3/26/09. *TO PROVIDE OPENBOOK GOVERNMENT IN NORTH CAROLINA.*

Establishment of NC OpenBook. Enacts new Article 80, *NC OpenBook*, in GS Chapter 143. Directs the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), with the support of Information Technology Services (ITS), to build and maintain a website to be called NC OpenBook. Describes NC OpenBook as a single, searchable website on state spending for grants and contracts.

Requires cabinet secretaries to immediately conduct a review of all state contracts and grants administered by their respective agencies. Directs all state institutions, departments, bureaus, agencies, or commissions subject to the authority of the Governor (agencies) that maintain a web site to include an access link on the home page of that website to the NC OpenBook web site. Requires each agency to also prominently display a search engine on its home page.

Contents of NC OpenBook. Directs the Office of State Controller (OSC), the Department of Administration (DOA), and ITS to (1) provide OSBM with the statewide information on state contracts that is necessary for the development and maintenance of the NC OpenBook website and (2) ensure that the information is updated, at minimum, every 30 days. Orders OSBM to work with the office of the State Auditor and the Grant Information Center to incorporate information on grants to the website. Directs state agencies to make any necessary changes to current reporting processes for grants and contracts to OSBM, OSC, DOA, ITS, and other agencies to ensure that the goals of this order are met.

Requires that (1) all state contracts and grants awarded that are in amounts more than \$10,000 and (2) list of specified information regarding these contracts and grants are to be included on the website.

Implementation and duration. Provides that this new Article be first implemented in the DOA and that other agencies be added at a later time. Also requires that the website and the data it contains be continually updated. Directs the state agencies to designate a staff person to be the primary liaison who has the task to ensure that information on the website is updated at least every 30 days.

Encourages and invites the UNC Board of Governors, the State Board of Community Colleges, the State Board of Education, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the heads of each of the Council of State agencies to participate in the website.

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