State Reports to Legislature: Alternative Formats

The Act enables state agencies that are required to report to the Legislature to do so via the Internet.

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Suggested Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

Section 1. [Short Title.] This Act may be cited as “An Act Relating to Distributing Certain Documents to The Legislature.”

Section 2. [Alternative Methods of Distribution and Publication.]
(a) Any state agency, state department, or public entity required to supply paper copies of annual reports and other documents and materials to members of the [Legislature] shall develop and implement an alternative method of distribution and publication.
(b) The alternative method shall include each of the following components:
   1. Notice provided to each member of the [Legislature] after the effective date of this section and at the beginning of each subsequent legislative term that the state agency, state department, or public entity intends to display or post the report, document, or other material on the Internet. The notice shall include an explanation of how the information may be accessed and copied from the Internet.
   2. Display of the report, document, or material on the Internet for at least [ninety (90)] days.
   3. A written offer to each member of the [Legislature] after the effective date of this section and at the beginning of each subsequent legislative term of the opportunity to receive a paper copy of the material. If a member at the time the notice is received or any other time requests a paper copy of the material, the material shall be promptly provided.
(c) Each state agency, state department, or public entity may promulgate necessary rules and regulations to implement this section.

Section 3. [Conflicting Laws Repealed.] All laws or parts of laws which conflict with this Act are repealed.

Section 4. [Severability.] [Insert severability clause.]

Section 5. [Repealer.] [Insert repealer clause.]

Section 6. [Effective Date.] [Insert effective date.]