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BilNo. HB 2127

State Agencies/information electronically disseminated
Brief title

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BACKGROUND:

Each state agency must publish and make available to the public for inspection and copying its substantive rules, organizational descriptions, interpretations and policy statements, and other specific information about the agency and its practices. Each state agency must also make available all public records that are not explicitly exempted. Agencies may not charge a fee to the public for inspecting, locating, or making the documents available. An agency may charge a fee for copying a record, or for making equipment available for members of the public to copy records. The fee may not exceed the cost of copying.

Last year legislation was enacted requiring state agencies to plan for and implement processes for making information available electronically. Agencies must prioritize what information will be made available based on what the public wants and needs most.

State agency - includes every state office, department, division, bureau, board, commission or other state agency.

Summary:

Each state agency must make available to the public a paper copy of any information that the agency disseminates electronically upon request.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill passed.