

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1376 - SB 1653

March 8, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Declares bank account numbers, federal identification numbers and social security numbers of vendors and contractors doing business with the State and grantees under State programs to be confidential and shall not be open for public inspection. Any related numbers, codes or passwords used to access bank accounts or confidential information of State vendors, grantees and contractors shall not be open for inspection by the public.

Information containing this data would be redacted wherever possible and nothing in this subsection shall be used to limit or deny access to otherwise public information because a file, document or data file contains confidential information. Courts or appropriate government agencies would continue to have access to such information. Files which are currently open or files authorized to be open by a vendor, contractor or grantee would continue to be considered public.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

This estimate assumes:

- the originating agency of these records would bear the responsibility of removing or redacting this information before sending to the State Library & Archives to be preserved permanently.
- the originating agency would be responsible for removing or redacting this information from existing records in order for the public to view until such time these records are sent to the State Library and Archives for microfilming and permanent storage.
- if the originating agency does not remove or redact such information contained in this bill, state expenditures to the State Library and Archives would increase due to staff inspecting all records to ensure that certain vendor/contractor financial information has been removed or redacted by the originating agency before such records could be microfilmed and archived.
- currently, state records are microfilmed just as they are when received by State Library and Archives. Such records are not read to see if this information has been removed or redacted before microfilming and preserving permanently.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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