

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015

HOUSE BILL 812  
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT INFORMATION ON GRANT FUNDS AWARDED BY STATE AGENCIES IS READILY AVAILABLE ON STATE AGENCY WEB SITES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 143C-2-5 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 143C-2-5. Grants and contracts database.**

(a) The Director of the Budget shall require the Office of State Budget and Management, with the support of the Office of Information Technology Services, to build and maintain a database and Web site for providing a single, searchable Web site on State spending for grants and contracts to be known as NC OpenBook.

(b) ~~Each head of a principal department listed in G.S. 143B-6~~ The head of each State institution, department, bureau, agency, or commission, or a designee, shall conduct a quarterly review ~~monthly~~ of all State contracts and grants administered by that ~~principal department agency.~~

(c) All State institutions, departments, bureaus, agencies, or commissions ~~subject to the authority of the Director of the Budget~~ that maintain a Web site shall be required to include an access link to the NC OpenBook Web site on the home page of the agency Web site. Each agency shall also prominently display a search engine on the agency Web site home page to allow for ease of searching for information, including contracts and grants, on the agency's Web site."

**SECTION 2.** The State Chief Information Officer, through the Digital Commons Project, shall ensure that the data on grants or awards of public funds to non-State entities that is available on the NC OpenBook Web site is displayed in a consistent and easily accessible manner on the Web sites of all State institutions, departments, bureaus, agencies, and commissions.

The State Chief Information Officer shall fully implement this act by December 31, 2015.

The State Chief Information Officer shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division prior to August 1, 2015, on a time line for implementing this act.



**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
2015.

s/ Daniel J. Forest  
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Pat McCrory  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015