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# SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 37.2: Government Budgets Transparency/Accountability/Reporting

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 37.2 of S.L. 2017-57

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**OVERVIEW:** *Sec. 37.2 of S.L. 2017-57 requires certain State agencies to provide an update on the status of the State budget transparency Internet Web site mandated under S.L. 2015-241. The section places a deadline of January 1, 2018 for the Web site to be fully functional and allocates up to \$1 million from the Information Technology Reserve Fund to accomplish this. Lastly, the section removes cities from the requirement to post budgetary and spending data and requires quarterly reports be submitted detailing the progress of the Web site.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2017.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Sec. 37.2 of S.L. 2017-57 does the following:

- Requires the State Chief Information Officer, the State Controller, and the Office of State Budget and Management to make a written report to the chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division on the status of the State budget transparency Internet Web site by September 1, 2017.
- Requires the Web site to be fully functional by January 1, 2018.
- Allocates up to \$1 million from the Information Technology Reserve Fund to be used to implement the Web site.
- Removes cities from the requirement to post budgetary and spending data on the Web site.
- Mandates that the Office of State Budget and Management, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology, submit quarterly reports on the progress of the Web site to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This section became effective July 1, 2017.

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