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2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 780

October 20, 2005 - Introduced by Representative Schneider. Referred to Committee on Government Operations and Spending Limitations.

1 AN ACT to amend 16.82 (title); and to create 16.82 (8) of the statutes; relating

to: access to telephone numbers of state agencies and authorities on the Internet.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill directs the Department of Administration to ensure that each state agency and authority that maintains a site on the Internet includes on the home page of that site at least one telephone number clearly shown in bold type at which the agency or authority may be contacted for general information, as well as a link that enables a visitor to the site to access the telephone numbers for other functional subunits of the agency or authority and the telephone number of each officer and employee of the agency or authority who is assigned to a work station equipped with a telephone, unless the agency or authority can demonstrate that the public interest requires that the name and telephone number of an employee be withheld from disclosure.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 16.82 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

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SECTION 2. 16.82 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

16.82 (8) Ensure that each agency and authority, as defined in s. 16.70, that maintains a site on the Internet includes on the home page of that site at least one telephone number clearly shown in bold type at which the agency or authority may be contacted for general information as well as a link that enables a visitor to the site to access any telephone number for a functional subunit of the agency or authority that is not shown on the home page and the telephone number of each officer and employee of the agency and authority who is assigned to a work station equipped with a telephone, unless the agency or authority can demonstrate that the public interest requires that the name or telephone number of an employee be withheld from disclosure.

SECTION 3. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after publication.

16 (END)