

**26A.260 Web site to provide public access to expenditure records of judicial branch -- Monthly and weekly updates -- AOC is sole custodian of information and records -- Branches to share software and applications.**

- (1) By January 1, 2012, the Administrative Office of the Courts, under the direction of the Chief Justice, shall provide public access to records relating to expenditures of the judicial branch of state government through display of the records on a Web site. The Web site shall provide:
  - (a) Financial information of expenditures not exempt under the provisions of state or federal law, including:
    1. The payee name;
    2. The category or type of the expenditure;
    3. A description of the reason for the expenditure, if available;
    4. The expenditure amount; and
    5. A link to the financial document, if the document is electronically available;
  - (b) A searchable format;
  - (c) Access to the current enacted Judicial Branch Budget; and
  - (d) A link to the public access Web site displays of the executive and legislative branches of state government, and of the public institutions of higher education.
- (2) Information on the Web site shall be updated at least on a monthly basis. However, information on the Web site which is part of, or contained in, an electronic accounting system utilized by all branches of state government, such as the Enhanced Management Administrative Reporting System (EMARS), shall be updated on a weekly basis.
- (3) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall maintain exclusive control and be considered the sole custodian of all information and records generated by and through activity of the judicial branch of government, notwithstanding the situs of the information and records in another branch of government, and disclosure thereof shall only be by the Administrative Office of the Courts in accordance with applicable law.
- (4) In order to reduce Web site development costs and enhance public access and use of records viewed through Web sites as provided by this section and KRS 7.505 and 42.032, each branch of state government shall freely share with the other branches of state government the software, software developments, and all applications, data, and information within its control used for Web site design, appearance, content, and operation in compliance with, or in furtherance of, the purposes contemplated by this section and KRS 7.505 and 42.032.

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