Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 1823 creates the Basic Government Transparency Act. The measure directs the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) to establish a jurisdictional transparency website that lists all governmental entities with jurisdiction over an address entered by a use of the website. The measure requires each entity listed to contain a link to a continuously maintained website by the governmental entity. The measure also requires each governmental entity to establish a governmental transparency website. The site shall contain the name, address, phone number, and email address of each official in the governmental entity and a description of how each official obtained his or her office. Links to relevant statutes, rules, and codes shall be included on the site as well as the dates for all elections scheduled within the next 2 years. The site shall also list the taxes and fees controlled by the governmental entity. The measure also requires the establishment of a financial transparency register listing all financial transactions of the governmental entity. The register shall be updated quarterly and show each transaction in excess of \$15,000.00. Governmental entities that fail to comply with the provisions of this measure shall be subject to certain penalties.

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