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Introduced by M. of A. ZINERMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to creating a transparency database for contracted not-for-profit organizations

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The state finance law is amended to add a new section 179-ff to read as follows:

§ 179-ff. Not-for-profit transparency database. 1. For the purposes of promoting transparency, accountability, and accessibility, a database shall be created by the state comptroller that shall include a list of not-for-profit organizations, as defined in subdivision seven of section one hundred seventy-nine-q of this article, that are in the process of being approved for contracts, that have received certificates of approval, are approved for contracts, have received renewal contracts, or have been the recipient of fully-executed contracts with the state of New York.

2. (a) The database shall be made publicly accessible and at a minimum, be searchable by year, category of issue area, location, including senate and assembly districts respectively, and by organization name. The comptroller may, at their discretion, add additional searchable criteria but shall at no time remove the criteria described in this subdivision.

(b) The database shall include, for each entry, a brief description of each contract's purpose.

3. The state comptroller shall at all times keep the database up to date, in working condition, and shall make sufficient allocation as appropriate for the proper maintenance of the database.

4. The state comptroller will work in conjunction with any relevant state agencies and departments, as appropriate, including the office of

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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the attorney general, to collect and keep up to date all data relevant for the maintenance of such database.

5. The database shall be made operational and accessible to the public no later than January first, two thousand twenty-four.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.