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HOUSE BILL DRH30074-LR-13A

Short Title: Local Government Spending Transparency. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Echevarria.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPENDING.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:  
4 **SECTION 1.** Article 3 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes, the Local Government  
5 Budget and Fiscal Control Act, is amended by adding a new section to read:  
6 "**§ 159-42.2. Transparent spending and bid reporting.**  
7 (a) All local governmental invoices shall be itemized, disclosing, at a minimum, the  
8 payee, amount paid, items or services purchased, and performance dates. A link to view all  
9 quarterly invoices shall appear on each local government's website, except that municipalities  
10 without a website shall keep copies of the quarterly paid invoices in a binder for public viewing  
11 on a counter at the municipal building. The invoices shall be unredacted unless otherwise  
12 specifically required by law.  
13 (b) In addition to the information required by subsection (a) of this section, a local  
14 government website shall provide a link to the top three bids on every project, service, or any  
15 goods purchased with any tax dollars, with quarterly updates. These bids shall not be redacted  
16 unless otherwise specifically required by law."  
17 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025.

