

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 227

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2014, I signed legislation to amend the Administrative Procedure Act to cut red tape, streamline agency rulemaking and comment procedures, and increase transparency by requiring administrative agencies to greater employ various technologies including the Internet, listservs, and e-mail to better disseminate information to the public; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3) requires every State agency, including each of the principle departments in the Executive Branch of the State Government, and all boards, divisions, commissions, agencies, departments, councils, authorities, and offices within any such departments (hereinafter "agency"), to make available for public viewing, through publication on the agency's Internet website, and through any other means, all final agency orders, decisions, and opinions, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accessibility of agency decisions provides accountability of State government and the entities with which it contracts for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accessibility of agency decisions promotes consistency of administrative decision-making; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accessibility of agency decisions is in the public's interest where the decisions concern the expenditure of public money; and

WHEREAS, transparency and accessibility of agency decisions is in the public's interest where the conduct at issue concerns matters of public health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

1. Every agency shall ensure that all final agency orders, decisions, and opinions are properly posted on its Internet website as required by law.

2. Every agency shall post on its Internet website interim agency orders, decisions, and opinions, including, but not limited to, notices of contract violations or sanctions, enforcement actions, and fines, where disclosure of this information is in the best interest of public health, safety, or welfare.

3. As soon as practicable, every agency shall post on its Internet website interim agency orders, decisions, and opinions that pre-date this Executive Order, including, but not limited to, notices of contract violations or sanctions, enforcement actions, and fines, where disclosure of this information is in the best interest of public health, safety, or welfare.

4. Any posting of agency orders, decisions, and opinions pursuant to this Executive Order shall be in conformance with, and not contrary to, all applicable law and other requirements, and any such postings shall redact, as appropriate, non-disclosable information.

5. The prospective posting of final or interim agency orders, decisions, and opinions shall be within one business day of the issuance of the final or interim order, decision, or opinion, or as soon as practicable.

6. A hyperlink directing users to the orders, decisions, and opinions posted on an agency's Internet website shall be placed on the agency website's homepage.

7. The Office of Information Technology shall assist agencies in implementing this Executive Order to the extent necessary and appropriate.

8. This order shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal this
23rd day of June,
Two Thousand and Seventeen,
and of the Independence of
the United States, the Two
Hundred and Forty-First.

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Gregory L. Acquaviva

Chief Counsel to the Governor