



House Bill 5267

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC PORTAL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR STATE
GRANT PROGRAMS**

Testimony of the Department of Administrative Services

Governmental Administration and Elections Committee

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Senator Flexer, Representative Blumenthal, Senator Sampson, Representative Mastrofrancesco, and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. We thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on **House Bill 5267: An Act Establishing an Electronic Portal for Applications for State Grant Programs**, which would require the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to establish an electronic portal containing information regarding state grant programs and their applications.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) supports the legislation's intent. In fact, DAS, OPM, and several other agencies are already working together to identify a statewide Grants Management Solution (GMS) that would support state agencies through the entire cycle of their state and federal grants. This collaborative work led to a request for proposals (RFP), and vendor selection is anticipated in March 2025.

Although DAS agrees that having a common grants management platform is an important goal, we share the concerns with this proposal that OPM highlighted in their testimony. We fear this bill will unintentionally slow down the existing effort to procure a GMS and will create duplicative work.

For these reasons, we request that the Committee oppose House Bill 5267.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony and share our thoughts with the Committee.