

# Clemson to go on record with all of its spending

Data will now be updated monthly for public to see on university website

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Clemson University has started posting all of its spending on its website for public view, with the first installment of about 85,000

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transactions from July 1, 2010, through the end of November made available last week.

The action is part of a statewide pilot project announced by state Comptroller General Richard Eckstrom and others Thursday. The purpose is to increase spending transparency for the state's public colleges and universities.

Under the pilot program, state-supported institutions of higher education will begin voluntarily posting their itemized expenditures on their websites to give taxpayers, parents and others access to details about how higher education dollars are spent.

The Clemson site will provide information about how Clemson uses resources provided by students, parents, taxpayers, donors, grant sponsors and

other supporters, said Brett Dalton, chief financial officer.

"We are committed to being accountable to those who provide resources for teaching, research, public service, support services and activities, and athletics and other auxiliary operations," Dalton said.

The information will be updated monthly.

The action comes ahead of legislation that would require the schools to post details of spending on their websites.

Bills prefiled in both houses of the state General Assembly would require all of the state's colleges and universities to post their expenditures online.

"The people have a right to see where their money is going to," said state Sen. Kevin Bryant, R-Anderson, sponsor of a Senate version.

Some local governments already post their spending details online through the state comptroller's website. The site also posts all state government credit card spending, including that of colleges and universities.