

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Local
5 Initiative Sunshine Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to provide
7 full and complete disclosure to the public of the recipients of
8 local initiatives.

9 Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

10 "Local initiative" means an enacted appropriation to a
11 specific unit of local government, specific school district,
12 specific not-for-profit organization, or specific
13 non-governmental entity to provide a grant of State funds for
14 infrastructure improvements or operating expenses. Grants that
15 are part of a Statewide program and are based on generally
16 applicable standards of eligibility are not local initiatives.

17 "Infrastructure improvements" include without limitation
18 capital improvements, capital projects, planning,
19 construction, reconstruction, equipment, utilities, vehicles,
20 and all costs associated with economic development, community
21 programs, educational programs, public health, and public
22 safety.

1 "Initiative recipient" means an individual or entity that
2 is designated to receive or receives a local initiative.

3 "Searchable database website" means a website that allows
4 the public to (i) search the database by name of initiative
5 recipient, funding agency, and location; and (ii) download data
6 included in item (i), including outcomes from searches.

7 Section 15. Initiative recipient database.

8 (a) Beginning on January 1, 2018, the Office of the
9 Comptroller shall create and maintain a searchable database
10 website containing information concerning initiative
11 recipients. The database shall include for each initiative
12 recipient:

13 (1) the name of the initiative recipient;

14 (2) the location of the initiative recipient and the
15 primary location of the performance of the local
16 initiative;

17 (3) the State Representative and State Senator within
18 whose legislative district the primary location of the
19 performance of the local initiative is located;

20 (4) the amount of the local initiative;

21 (5) the funding agency and the funding source;

22 (6) the purpose of each local initiative; and

23 (7) the portion of the local initiative spent by the
24 initiative recipient, and the portion that lapsed upon
25 completion of the local initiative.

1 (b) Funding agencies shall be responsible for submitting
2 the information required by subsection (a) of this Section to
3 the Comptroller, in a form to be prescribed by the Comptroller.

4 (c) The database website shall also provide an opportunity
5 for the public to provide input about the utility of the
6 website and recommendations for improvements.

7 (d) The database website shall not be considered in
8 compliance with this Act if it relies upon links to other
9 existing websites and databases, unless each of those sites has
10 information from all agencies and each category of information
11 required to be itemized can be searched electronically by field
12 in a single search.

13 (e) The database website must contain a summary of the
14 requirements of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act
15 and the Illinois Grant Funds Recovery Act, to the extent the
16 requirements of those Acts will apply to the funding
17 initiatives.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
19 1, 2018.