

HB6674



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Local Initiative Sunshine Act. Defines "gubernatorial or legislative member initiative". Provides that any initiative recipient that receives a gubernatorial or legislative member initiative shall make certain disclosures, including relationships to the grant sponsor. Specifies the required disclosures.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

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

4 Article 1

5 Section 1-1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 Local Initiative Sunshine Act. If more than one new Act of the
7 95th General Assembly is given the same short title, then all
8 of those Acts are intended to be codified as a single Act.

9 Section 1-5. Definitions. In this Act:

10 "Gubernatorial or legislative member initiative" means a
11 grant from State funds to a specific unit of local government,
12 specific school district, specific not-for-profit
13 organization, or specific non-governmental entity 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 gubernatorial or
17 legislative member initiatives, unless the grant has been
18 requested or initiated by the Governor or a member of the
19 Illinois General Assembly.

20 "Infrastructure improvements" include without limitation
21 capital improvements, capital projects, planning,
22 construction, reconstruction, equipment, utilities, vehicles,

1 and all costs associated with economic development, community
2 programs, educational programs, public health, and public
3 safety.

4 "Initiative sponsor", with respect to each gubernatorial
5 or legislative member initiative, include the Governor and each
6 member of the General Assembly designated in the grant
7 application as having requested or initiated the grant.

8 "Initiative recipient" means an individual or entity that
9 is designated to receive or receives a gubernatorial or
10 legislative member initiative. For purposes of disclosure
11 under Section 5-10, the term also includes (i) the immediate
12 family of an individual who is an initiative recipient; and
13 (ii) in the case of an entity that is an initiative recipient,
14 the term also includes board members, owners with an equity
15 interest of at least 7.5%, and managerial employees of the
16 entity, the immediate family of each, and its parent,
17 subsidiary, and affiliate entities.

18 Article 5

19 Section 5-5. Findings; purpose. The General Assembly finds
20 that gubernatorial and legislative member initiatives are a
21 means to distribute legitimate funding for local projects and
22 programs that benefit communities across the State. The purpose
23 of this Article is to provide full and complete disclosure to
24 the public of the recipients and the purposes of gubernatorial

1 and legislative member initiatives. To maintain the integrity
2 of gubernatorial and legislative member initiatives, the
3 public should be made aware of an initiative recipient's
4 relationship to and political contributions to the initiative
5 sponsor.

6 Section 5-10. Initiative recipient disclosures. Any
7 initiative recipient designated to receive a gubernatorial or
8 legislative member initiative shall make the following
9 disclosures in its application for an initiative:

10 (a) Identify any relationship of the initiative
11 recipient to each initiative sponsor, including, but not
12 limited to, familial and business relationships.

13 (b) Identify any political contributions made to each
14 initiative sponsor by the initiative recipient. Designate
15 if the contribution was monetary, in-kind, or campaign work
16 for the sponsor given or performed within the 2 years
17 preceding the application for the initiative.

18 (c) List all State grant and contract awards to the
19 initiative recipient within the 5 years preceding the
20 application. For each of those grant and contract awards,
21 the initiative recipient shall list the following: (i) the
22 State entity awarding the grant or contract, (ii) the date
23 the grant or contract was issued, (iii) the amount of the
24 grant or contract, (iv) the status of the project, (v) any
25 recovery or refund requested by the State in connection

1 with a grant or contract, and (vi) the compensation and the
2 benefits paid to the initiative recipient under any State
3 grant or contract awarded to another individual or entity.