

HB0309



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 01/31/11, by Rep. Michael W. Tryon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Local Initiative Sunshine Act. Provides that, beginning on July 1, 2011, the Office of the Comptroller shall create and maintain a searchable database website to provide information concerning recipients of gubernatorial or legislative member initiatives. Sets forth the requirements for the website database. Defines "gubernatorial or legislative member initiatives". Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "Gubernatorial or legislative member initiative" means a
8 grant from State funds to a specific unit of local government,
9 specific school district, specific not-for-profit
10 organization, or specific non-governmental entity for
11 infrastructure improvements or operating expenses. Grants that
12 are part of a statewide program and are based on generally
13 applicable standards of eligibility are not gubernatorial or
14 legislative member initiatives, unless the grant has been
15 requested or initiated by the Governor or a member of the
16 Illinois General Assembly.

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.

23 "Initiative sponsor", with respect to each gubernatorial

1 or legislative member initiative, includes the Governor and
2 each member of the General Assembly designated in the grant
3 application as having requested or initiated the grant.

4 "Initiative recipient" means an individual or entity that
5 is designated to receive or receives a gubernatorial or
6 legislative member initiative.

7 "Recoverable grants" means grant money to an initiative
8 recipient that has been determined, in accordance with
9 applicable State law and rule, to be refundable to the State.

10 "Searchable database website" means a website that allows
11 the public to (i) search the database by name of initiative
12 recipient, initiative sponsor, funding agency, and location of
13 performed and recoverable grants and (ii) download data
14 included in item (i), including outcomes from searches.

15 Section 10. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to provide
16 full and complete disclosure to the public of the recipients of
17 gubernatorial and legislative member initiatives. The database
18 shall also serve as a warning to initiative recipients that the
19 misuse of public funds will not be tolerated by the State.

20 Section 15. Initiative recipient database.

21 (a) Beginning on July 1, 2011, the Office of the
22 Comptroller shall create and maintain a searchable database
23 website containing information concerning initiative
24 recipients. The database shall include for each initiative

1 recipient:

2 (1) the name of the initiative recipient and initiative
3 sponsor;

4 (2) the amount of the gubernatorial or legislative
5 member initiative;

6 (3) the funding agency and the funding source;

7 (4) the purpose of each initiative;

8 (5) the location of the initiative recipient and the
9 primary location of the performance of the initiative;

10 (6) any recoverable grants; and

11 (7) any other relevant information.

12 (b) The database website shall also provide an opportunity
13 for the public to provide input about the utility of the
14 website and recommendations for improvements.

15 (c) The database website shall not be considered in
16 compliance with this Act if it relies upon links to other
17 existing websites and databases, unless each of those sites has
18 information from all agencies and each category of information
19 required to be itemized can be searched electronically by field
20 in a single search.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.