

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.

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

21 "Initiative sponsor", with respect to each gubernatorial  
22 or legislative member initiative, includes the Governor and  
23 each member of the General Assembly designated in the grant

1 application as having requested or initiated the grant.

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

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

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

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

18 Section 15. Initiative recipient database.

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

24 (1) the name of the initiative recipient and initiative

1 sponsor;

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

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

5 (4) the purpose of each initiative;

6 (5) the location of the initiative recipient and the  
7 primary location of the performance of the initiative;

8 (6) any recoverable grants; and

9 (7) any other relevant information.

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

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

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.