

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to membership associations that
 3 receive public funds; creating s. 617.221, F.S.;
 4 providing a definition; requiring a membership
 5 association that receives a specified percentage of
 6 its budget from public funds to file a report with the
 7 Legislature; requiring that such report provide
 8 specified information; prohibiting a membership
 9 association from expending public funds on litigation
 10 against the state; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14 Section 1. Section 617.221, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 617.221 Membership associations that receive public funds;
 17 reporting requirements; restriction on use of funds.-

18 (1) As used in this section, the term "membership
 19 association" means a corporation not for profit, including a
 20 department or division of such corporation, whose membership
 21 includes elected or appointed public officers, as defined in s.
 22 112.313(1), and that receives 25 percent or more of its annual
 23 revenue from public funds, as defined in s. 215.85(3). The term
 24 does not include a labor organization as defined in s. 447.02.

25 (2) A membership association shall file a report with the
 26 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of

27 Representatives by January 1 of each year. The report must
 28 provide:

29 (a) The name and address of the membership association and
 30 any parent membership association or any state, national, or
 31 international membership association with which it is
 32 affiliated.

33 (b) The names, titles, telephone numbers, and addresses of
 34 the principal officers and all representatives of the membership
 35 association.

36 (c) The amount of the fee to become a member of the
 37 membership association, if any, and of the annual dues that each
 38 member must pay.

39 (d) The current annual financial statements of the
 40 membership association described in s. 617.1605.

41 (e) A copy of the current constitution and bylaws of the
 42 membership association.

43 (f) The assets and liabilities of the membership
 44 association at the beginning and end of the preceding fiscal
 45 year.

46 (g) The salary, allowances, and other direct or indirect
 47 disbursements, including reimbursed expenses, to each officer
 48 and to each employee who, during the preceding fiscal year,
 49 received more than \$10,000 in the aggregate from the membership
 50 association and any other state, national, or international
 51 membership association affiliated with it.

52 (h) The annual dollar amount of the following benefit

53 packages paid to each of the principal officers of the
 54 membership association:

55 1. Health, major medical, vision, dental and life
 56 insurance.

57 2. Retirement plans.

58 3. Automobile allowances.

59 (i) The per-member amount of annual dues sent from the
 60 membership association to each state, national, or international
 61 affiliate.

62 (j) The total amount of direct or indirect disbursements
 63 for lobbying activity at the federal, state, or local level
 64 incurred by the membership association, listed by the full name
 65 and address of each person who received a disbursement.

66 (k) The total amount of direct or indirect disbursements
 67 for litigation expenses incurred by the membership association,
 68 listed by case citation.

69 (3) A membership association may not expend moneys
 70 received from public funds on litigation against the state.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.