

# HB6678



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB6678**

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Local Initiative Sunshine Act. Defines "gubernatorial or legislative member initiatives". Provides that the Illinois State Comptroller's Office shall create and maintain a searchable database website to provide information concerning initiative recipients.

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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 25

19 Section 25-5. Purpose. The purpose of this Article is to  
20 provide full and complete disclosure to the public of the  
21 recipients of gubernatorial and legislative member  
22 initiatives. The database shall also serve as a warning to  
23 initiative recipients that the misuse of public funds will not  
24 be tolerated by the State.

1 Section 25-10. Definitions. In this Article:

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

5 "Searchable database website" means a website that allows  
6 the public to (i) search the database by name of initiative  
7 recipient, initiative sponsor, funding agency, and location of  
8 performed and recoverable grants; and (ii) download data  
9 included in item (i), including outcomes from searches. The  
10 database website (A) shall not be considered in compliance if  
11 it relies upon links to other existing websites and databases,  
12 unless each of those sites has information from all agencies  
13 and each category of information required to be itemized can be  
14 searched electronically by field in a single search; and (B)  
15 shall provide an opportunity for the public to provide input  
16 about the utility of the site and recommendations for  
17 improvements.

18 Section 25-15. Initiative recipient database. Beginning on  
19 July 1, 2009, the Illinois Comptroller's Office shall create  
20 and maintain a searchable database website containing  
21 information concerning initiative recipients. The database  
22 shall include for each initiative recipient:

23 (1) the name of the initiative recipient and initiative  
24 sponsor;

- 1           (2) the amount of the gubernatorial or legislative
- 2           member initiative;
- 3           (3) the funding agency and the funding source;
- 4           (4) the purpose of each initiative;
- 5           (5) the location of the initiative recipient and the
- 6           primary location of the performance of the initiative;
- 7           (6) any recoverable grants; and
- 8           (7) any other relevant information.