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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/17/2015	.	
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The Committee on Community Affairs (Bradley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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

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

(1) As used in this section, the term "membership
association" means a corporation not for profit, including a



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11 department or division of such corporation, whose membership
12 includes a majority of elected or appointed public officers, as
13 defined in s. 112.313(1), and which receives 25 percent or more
14 of its annual revenue from public funds, as defined in s.
15 215.85(3). The term does not include a labor organization as
16 defined in s. 447.02.

17 (2) A membership association shall file a report with the
18 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives by January 1 of each year. The report must
20 include:

21 (a) The name and address of the membership association and
22 any parent membership association or any state, national, or
23 international membership association affiliate.

24 (b) The names, titles, telephone numbers, and addresses of
25 the principal officers and all representatives of the membership
26 association.

27 (c) The fee required to become a member of the membership
28 association, if any, and the annual dues that each member must
29 pay.

30 (d) The latest annual financial statements of the
31 membership association as described in s. 617.1605.

32 (e) A copy of the current constitution and bylaws of the
33 membership association.

34 (f) The assets and liabilities of the membership
35 association at the beginning and end of the preceding fiscal
36 year.

37 (g) The salary, allowances, and other direct or indirect
38 disbursements, including reimbursed expenses, to each officer
39 and to each employee who, during the preceding fiscal year,



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40 received more than \$10,000 total from the membership association
41 and any other state, national, or international membership
42 association affiliate.

43 (h) The annual dollar amount of the following benefit
44 packages paid to each of the principal officers of the
45 membership association:

46 1. Health, major medical, vision, dental, and life
47 insurance.

48 2. Retirement plans.

49 3. Automobile allowances.

50 (i) The amount of annual dues for each member sent from the
51 membership association to each state, national, or international
52 affiliate.

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

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

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

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

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64 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

65 And the title is amended as follows:

66 Delete everything before the enacting clause
67 and insert:

68 A bill to be entitled



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69 An act relating to membership associations that
70 receive public funds; creating s. 617.221, F.S.;
71 defining the term "membership association"; requiring
72 a membership association that receives a specified
73 percentage of its budget from public funds to file an
74 annual report with the Legislature; requiring that
75 such a report provide specified information;
76 prohibiting a membership association from expending
77 public funds on litigation against the state;
78 providing an effective date.