

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 an annual report  
 7           with the Legislature; specifying required elements of  
 8           the report; prohibiting a membership association from  
 9           expending public funds on litigation against the  
 10          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 at least 25 percent 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 required to become a member of  
 37 the membership association, if any, and the annual dues each  
 38 member must pay.

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

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

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

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

53        (h) The annual amount of the following benefit packages  
54 paid to each of the principal officers of the membership  
55 association:

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

58        2. Retirement plans.

59        3. Automobile allowances.

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

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

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

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

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