



95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0505

Introduced 02/01/07, by Rep. Bill Mitchell

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

30 ILCS 105/13.6 new

Amends the State Finance Act. Provides that each appropriation for a legislative member initiative must be by a separate line item appropriation that fully describes the legislative member initiative. Provides that no legislative member initiative may be funded through a lump sum appropriation. Defines "legislative member initiative". Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning legislative member initiatives.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 13.6 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/13.6 new)

7 Sec. 13.6. Limitation on appropriations for legislative
8 member initiatives.

9 (a) Unless it complies with this Section, a purported
10 appropriation of State funds for a legislative member
11 initiative is not a valid appropriation. No State funds may be
12 expended for a legislative member initiative unless the
13 appropriation for that legislative member initiative complies
14 with this Section.

15 (b) Each appropriation for a legislative member initiative
16 must be by a separate line item appropriation. That line item
17 must fully describe the legislative member initiative,
18 including without limitation the entity that will receive the
19 benefit of the expenditure, the purpose of the expenditure, the
20 specific location of the project, and the Legislative District
21 and Representative District in which the project is located. No
22 legislative member initiative may be funded through a lump sum
23 appropriation.

1 (c) "Legislative member initiative" means an appropriation
2 for a grant or distribution to a specific unit of local
3 government, specific school district, specific not-for-profit
4 organization, or specific non-governmental entity for
5 infrastructure improvements or operating expenses.
6 Appropriations that are part of a statewide program and are
7 based on generally applicable standards of eligibility are not
8 legislative member initiatives. "Infrastructure improvements"
9 include without limitation capital improvements, capital
10 projects, planning, construction, reconstruction, equipment,
11 utilities, vehicles, and all costs associated with economic
12 development, community programs, educational programs, public
13 health, and public safety.

14 (d) The purpose of this Section is to require full and
15 complete disclosure during the appropriation process of State
16 expenditures that are primarily for a specific local community
17 within a Legislative District or Representative District. This
18 Section shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purpose.

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