
DIGEST

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Champagne

HB No. 225

Abstract: Requires nongovernmental entities seeking line item appropriations to certify that the entity shall publish in the official parish journal receipt of the appropriation, make public records related to the expenditure of appropriated funds, and agree to audits regarding the expenditure of appropriated funds.

Present law requires any nongovernmental entity which is neither a budget unit nor a political subdivision of the state that is requesting funding from the state through the General Appropriation Bill, capital outlay bill, or any supplemental appropriation bill, to transmit certain information on a form, which is then made available to the members of the legislature and to the public.

Proposed law adds the following to the list of information the nongovernmental entity is required to transmit:

- (1) Certification that the entity shall publish in the official journal of the parish in which the entity is domiciled, notice of receipt of the appropriated funds and that the entity shall make public, records related to the expenditure of appropriated funds.
- (2) Certification that the entity agrees to any audits regarding the expenditure of appropriated funds.

(Adds R.S. 39:51.1(B)(12) and (13))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill.

1. Changed the certification that the entity is required to transmit regarding meetings and records from bylaws requiring the entity to comply with the Open Meetings Law and the Public Records Law regarding the expenditure of any appropriated funds to a public meeting advertised no less than 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting to discuss the expenditures of any appropriated funds and that the entity shall make public any records related to the expenditure of any appropriated funds.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Changes the certification requirement from certification that the entity shall conduct a public meeting advertised in advance to discuss the appropriation to certification that the entity publish notice of receipt of the appropriated funds.