
DIGEST

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HB No. 225

Abstract: Requires nongovernmental entities seeking line item appropriations to certify that the entity shall conduct a public meeting and make public the records related to the expenditure of appropriated funds, and agrees to any audits regarding the expenditure of any 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 conduct 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.
- (2) Certification that the entity agrees to any audits regarding the expenditure of any 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.