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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 requiring a membership association that receives more
5 than a specified percentage of its budget from public
6 funds to file a report with the Legislature; requiring
7 that such report provide specified information;
8 prohibiting a membership association whose membership
9 dues are paid for by public funds from expending such
10 funds on litigation against the state; providing an
11 effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

17 617.221 Restrictions on membership associations that
18 receive public funds.—

19 (1) A membership association that receives more than 25
20 percent of its budget from public funds shall file a report with
21 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives by January 1 of each year. The report must
23 provide:

24 (a) The name and address of the membership association and
25 any parent association, or a state, national, or international
26 association with which it is affiliated.

27 (b) The names, titles, telephone numbers, and addresses of
28 the principal officers and all representatives of the
29 association.

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30 (c) The amount of the initiation fee, if any, and the
31 amount of the annual dues that each member must pay.

32 (d) The current annual financial statement of the
33 association.

34 (e) A copy of the current constitution and bylaws of the
35 association.

36 (f) The assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of
37 the fiscal year.

38 (g) The salary, allowances, and other direct or indirect
39 disbursements, including reimbursed expenses, to each officer
40 and to each employee who, during such fiscal year, received more
41 than \$10,000 in the aggregate from the association or any parent
42 or affiliated association.

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

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

48 2. Retirement plans.

49 3. Automobile allowances.

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

53 (2) Any membership association whose membership dues are
54 paid for by public funds may not expend such funds on litigation
55 against the state.

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