

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 74

Senator Anthony offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to provide for a procedure for the required
2 disclosures related to enhancement grants.

3 Whereas, No appropriations bill containing enhancement grants
4 (also referred to as legislatively directed spending items) shall
5 be brought for a vote without proper disclosure of the sponsor and
6 the intended recipient, and a description of the grant in a form
7 and manner established by the Senate by resolution; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 Resolved by the Senate, That the following procedure is
10 adopted for the required disclosures related to enhancement grants:

11 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for a
12 legislatively directed spending item to be considered for inclusion
13 in a bill or conference report passed by the Senate during a
14 calendar year, all of the following must be made publicly available

1 on the internet prior to passage of a bill or conference report
2 that contains a legislatively directed spending item:

3 (a) The sponsoring legislator's name, and if applicable, any
4 co-sponsoring legislators.

5 (b) The name and location of the intended recipient and the
6 impacted legislative district or, if there is not a specific
7 intended recipient, the intended location of the project or
8 activity, including legislative district and legislator.

9 (c) The purpose of the legislatively directed spending item
10 and an explanation of how the legislatively directed spending item
11 provides a public benefit and why the item is an appropriate use of
12 taxpayer funds or to otherwise demonstrate that the item is not for
13 a local or private purpose pursuant to Article IV, § 30 of the
14 Michigan Constitution.

15 (d) The requested amount of state funding for the
16 legislatively directed spending item and whether the legislatively
17 directed spending item has previously received federal, state,
18 local, or private funding. The type of funding previously received
19 must be clearly specified.

20 (e) If the recipient of the legislatively directed spending
21 item is a not-for-profit entity, verification of the following
22 information:

23 (i) That the entity has been operating within the state for
24 the previous 36 consecutive months.

25 (ii) That the entity has had a physical office within the
26 state for the previous 12 consecutive months.

27 (iii) That the entity has a board of directors and a list of
28 all officers and active directors on the entity's board.

29 (iv) That the entity is not a for-profit entity.

1 (f) A certification that neither the sponsoring legislator nor
2 the sponsoring legislator's staff or immediate family has a direct
3 or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed
4 spending item.

5 (g) Information on the required project timing of the proposed
6 legislatively directed spending item.

7 (2) The sponsoring legislator must provide a written statement
8 containing the information required under subsection (1) on a form
9 and in a manner determined by the Senate. The written statement
10 must be provided to the Chair and Members of the Senate
11 Appropriations Committee, the Senate Fiscal Agency, and the Senate
12 Business Office.

13 (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a
14 legislator wishing to co-sponsor a legislatively directed spending
15 item may, with the sponsoring legislator's permission, add or
16 remove their name as a co-sponsor through passage of each calendar
17 year. For the 2025 calendar year, legislators wishing to co-sponsor
18 a legislatively directed spending item may, with the sponsoring
19 legislator's permission, add or remove their name as a co-sponsor
20 through passage. Co-sponsorship of a legislatively directed
21 spending item must be completed by submitting the following letters
22 to the Secretary of the Senate:

23 (a) A signed letter from the sponsor of the legislatively
24 directed spending item granting the legislator wishing to co-
25 sponsor permission to co-sponsor.

26 (b) A letter from the legislator wishing to co-sponsor stating
27 their intention to co-sponsor the legislatively directed spending
28 item.

29 (4) The Senate must develop a webpage on the Senate official

1 website where each fully completed written statement received under
2 subsection (1) shall be conspicuously available to the public.
3 After development of the webpage, each fully completed written
4 statement shall be made available within three business days after
5 the later of the creation of the webpage or the original receipt of
6 the fully completed written statement.

7 (5) A for-profit business is not eligible to receive a
8 legislatively directed spending item.

9 (6) As used in this section:

10 (a) "Immediate family" means an individual's parent, child,
11 sibling, and spouse, and any individual residing in the same
12 household as that individual.

13 (b) "Legislatively directed spending item" means an
14 appropriation that authorizes or obligates a specific amount of
15 money for a contract or other expenditure with a grant, loan, or
16 other economic assistance or incentive to a specific person,
17 organization, unit of local government, or project or activity in a
18 unit of local government, other than through a formula-driven or
19 competitive award process.

20 (c) "Staff" means an individual who either is currently or
21 within the past two years has been employed by either house of the
22 Michigan Legislature.

23 (d) "Legislator" means a duly elected individual serving in
24 the Senate.