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To: Senate Bill No. 298

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE REALLOCATION OF CERTAIN STATE FUNDS AND VARIOUS PROVISIONS RELATING TO EDUCATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, GENERAL GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS, INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES AND WAREHOUSE DISTRIBUTION CENTERS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Grant-in-aid" means any grant of state funds by a state agency  
5 directly to a specific organization or on behalf of a state agency by  
6 another organization in the form of nonrepayable assistance;

7 (2) "Grant recipient" means any organization that is specifically listed  
8 by name in the biennial budget act and provides services contracted for

9 by (A) the state, or (B) a nonstate entity on behalf of the state, but does  
10 not include any municipality, as defined in section 7-101a of the general  
11 statutes, any quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-120 of the  
12 general statutes, or any state agency;

13 (3) "State agency" means each state board, authority, commission,  
14 department, office, institution, council or other agency of the state,  
15 including, but not limited to, each constituent unit and each public  
16 institution of higher education;

17 (4) "State funds" means financial assistance funded by an  
18 appropriation of the state; and

19 (5) "Committee" means the joint standing committee of the General  
20 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and  
21 the budgets of state agencies.

22 (b) No organization may be named as a grant recipient of state funds  
23 in the biennial budget unless (1) such entity has applied to the  
24 committee for such state funds in accordance with the requirements of  
25 this section, and (2) the committee has held a public hearing concerning  
26 the grant of state funds for such grant recipient.

27 (c) Any such application shall be in a form and manner designated  
28 by the committee chairpersons and shall include the following  
29 information:

30 (1) The amount of state funds requested;

31 (2) The intended purpose for such state funds and an explanation of  
32 why such a grant-in-aid is necessary;

33 (3) A detailed description of the public purpose that such state funds  
34 will be used for;

35 (4) If applicable, the name of the legislator or other public official who  
36 is sponsoring such request, and a certification that such legislator or  
37 public official, such legislator's or public official's family members or

38 any business with which the legislator or public official is associated  
39 have no financial interest in and will receive no financial benefit from  
40 the granting of such state funds;

41 (5) Any convictions of the applicant's officers or board members of  
42 any crime related to fraud, embezzlement, misappropriation of funds,  
43 robbery or other theft of financial property;

44 (6) An agreement to submit to random audits by the Auditors of  
45 Public Accounts and financial reconciliations to verify that the state  
46 funds are being used for their intended purpose; and

47 (7) Any other information required by the committee chairpersons.

48 The committee shall post such information on its Internet web site upon  
49 receipt.

50 (d) Prior to receiving a grant-in-aid pursuant to this section, the grant  
51 recipient shall participate in the public hearing held by the committee  
52 concerning such grant-in-aid.

53 (e) Prior to being awarded an initial grant-in-aid pursuant to this  
54 section, the grant recipient shall submit to the applicable joint standing  
55 committee a detailed accounting of the grant recipient's budget for the  
56 previous fiscal year that includes the following information: (1) The  
57 amount spent on administrative costs; (2) the amount spent on lobbying,  
58 political and other advocacy activities, including, but not limited to, any  
59 funds paid to an organization that is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(4)  
60 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding  
61 internal revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to  
62 time; (3) a detailed reporting of all sources of income other than the  
63 grant-in-aid; (4) a detailed accounting of all disbursements, including  
64 any disbursements to other nonprofit entities; (5) if applicable, a  
65 detailed accounting of how any other entity funded by the grant  
66 recipient expended the funds it received; and (6) a list of all board  
67 members.

68 (f) After receiving a grant-in-aid pursuant to this section, not later  
69 than sixty days before the end of the fiscal year in which the grant-in-  
70 aid is received, the grant recipient shall submit a detailed accounting  
71 containing the information listed in subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of  
72 subsection (e) of this section to the committee."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section