

SENATE BILL NO. 319

May 03, 2023, Introduced by Senators RUNESTAD, JOHNSON and DAMOOSE and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A bill to amend 1984 PA 431, entitled
"The management and budget act,"
(MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594) by adding section 364.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 364. (1) A house of the legislature shall not pass an**
2 **appropriations bill that includes a legislatively directed spending**
3 **item unless all of the following requirements are met:**
4 **(a) The legislatively directed spending item is sponsored by a**
5 **legislator.**

1 (b) The sponsoring legislator provides a written statement
2 that contains all of the following information to the chairs of the
3 senate and house of representatives appropriations committees, the
4 senate and house fiscal agencies, and the legislative council:

5 (i) The sponsoring legislator's name.

6 (ii) The name and location of the intended recipient or, if
7 there is not an intended recipient, the intended location of the
8 project or activity.

9 (iii) The purpose of the legislatively directed spending item
10 and an explanation of why the legislatively directed spending item
11 is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds.

12 (iv) A description of any community support.

13 (v) A certification that neither the sponsoring legislator nor
14 the sponsoring legislator's immediate family has a direct or
15 indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending
16 item.

17 (c) The written statement has been available to the public on
18 the internet as described in subsection (2) for not less than 48
19 hours.

20 (2) The legislative council shall make each written statement
21 received under subsection (1) available to the public on the
22 internet as soon as practicable after the receipt of the
23 information.

24 (3) As used in this section:

25 (a) "Community support" includes, but is not limited to, all
26 of the following:

27 (i) A letter of support from an elected community leader.

28 (ii) A press article highlighting the need for the funding.

29 (iii) Support from a newspaper editorial board.

1 (iv) A community development plan or other publicly available
2 planning document that includes the item for which funding is
3 sought.

4 (v) A resolution passed by the governing body of a community.

5 (b) "Immediate family" means an individual's parent, child,
6 sibling, and spouse and a relative of any degree residing in the
7 same household as that individual.

8 (c) "Legislative council" means the legislative council
9 created under the legislative council act, 1986 PA 268, MCL 4.1101
10 to 4.1901.

11 (d) "Legislatively directed spending item" means an
12 appropriation that authorizes or obligates a specific amount of
13 money for a contract or other expenditure with or a grant, loan, or
14 other economic assistance or incentive to a person, unit of local
15 government, or project or activity in a unit of local government,
16 other than through a formula-driven or competitive award process.
17 An appropriation may be a legislatively directed spending item
18 regardless of whether the allocation of the appropriation is based
19 on population figures or whether the appropriation has a private or
20 local purpose. Legislatively directed spending item includes, but
21 is not limited to, Michigan enhancement grants and Michigan
22 infrastructure grants.

23 (e) "Legislator" means a person duly elected and serving in
24 the Michigan house of representatives or the Michigan senate.

25 (f) "Sponsoring legislator" means the legislator who sponsors
26 a legislatively directed spending item under subsection (1) (a).