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## House Bill 2747

### The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act

HB 2747 strengthens the grant process by creating efficiencies, reducing the administrative burden on State agencies and grantees, and generating cost-savings Statewide. Specifically, it:

- Applies the United States' uniform rules for federally funded grants to all grants, including those entirely funded with state funds.
- Eliminates duplicative, outdated, and contradictory requirements for grants. Several human services grantees are already in compliance with the uniform rules through the work of the Management Improvement Initiative Committee.
- Makes Illinois the first State in the nation with a comprehensive set of uniform rules covering the entire life cycle of a grant (pre-award, award, and post-award).
- Requires the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to provide uniform training and guidance to agencies and grantees so that they understand and can maintain compliance with the federal rules.
- Creates a public catalogue of all grant programs administered by the State, which lists program objectives and goals, eligibility requirements, any required audits, reports, or records, and program metrics.
- Requires the maintenance of a list of excluded parties, thereby preventing entities convicted of waste, fraud, and abuse from doing business with the State.

HB 2747 also contains several conflict of interest provisions regarding grants, including:

- Disclosure of the following information during the pre-qualification process for a grant: (1) the fiscal condition of the organization; (2) whether the applicant is in good standing with the Secretary of State; (3) past performance of the applicant in administering grants; (4) whether the applicant is or has ever been on the Debarred and Suspended List maintained by GOMB; and (5) whether the applicant is or has ever been on the Sanctioned Part List maintained by HFS.
- Disclosure by applicants, in a timely manner and in writing, of all violations of State or federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the award.
- Disclosure requirements in the grant application pertaining to: (1) related-party status between grantees and grant-making agencies; (2) past employment of the applicant's officers and grant managers; (3) current or past employment of members of immediate family; and (4) senior management of the grantee organization and their relationships with contracted vendors;



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- Implementation of rules prohibiting a grantee from charging any cost allocable to a particular award or cost objective to other State or federal awards to overcome fund deficiencies, to avoid restrictions imposed by law or terms of the Federal awards, or for other reasons; and
- Implementation of rules prohibiting a non-federal entity from earning or keeping any profit resulting from State or federal financial assistance, unless prior approval has been obtained from GOMB and is expressly authorized by the terms and conditions of the award.

*Implementation costs of HB 2747 are fully-reimbursable by the federal government.*