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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

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A RESOLUTION

To amend and readopt House Rule 11.6 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives, to provide for the submission of certain information required for appropriations to certain entities and provides that certain actions are not in order if such information is not submitted.

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana that House Rule 11.6 of the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives is hereby amended and readopted to read as follows:

Rule 11.6. ~~Amendments to the General Appropriation Bill~~ Appropriations bills;  
required information

A.(1) Any appropriation bill which, upon introduction, contains funding for an entity which is neither a budget unit nor a political subdivision of the state shall require the submission of information as required in this Rule. All agencies of the executive branch shall assist the standing committee to which such appropriation bill is referred in identifying and obtaining the required information concerning such entity on the appropriation bill supplemental information form prior to the committee reporting such bill. If the appropriation bill supplemental information form concerning each such entity is not received, filed with the Clerk, made a public record, and made available to every member of the House of Representatives, any motion to report the bill shall not be in order.

(2) Any amendment to the General Appropriation Bill an appropriation bill  
which proposes to provide funding for an entity which is neither a budget unit nor

a political subdivision of the state shall require the submission of information pursuant to the procedure provided in this Rule.

B. Such information shall be provided in the form of a document which shall be known as the "~~General Appropriation Bill~~ appropriation bill supplemental information form", which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) The recipient entity's full legal name and mailing and physical address.
- (2) The type of entity (for instance, a nonprofit corporation) and, if the entity is a corporation, the names of the incorporators.
- (3) The last four numbers of the taxpayer's identification number of the recipient entity.
- (4) The name of the legislator who is the requestor and, if different, the sponsor of the amendment on behalf of the recipient entity.
- (5) The name of each member of the recipient entity's governing board and officers.
- (6) The dollar amount to be appropriated by the amendment.
- (7) The recipient entity's proposed detailed budget, including amounts budgeted for salaries, professional services, contracts, acquisitions, major repairs, and supplies.
- (8) The recipient entity's public purpose sought to be achieved through the use of state monies, a summary of the project or program to be used to achieve such purpose, and the goals and objectives to achieve such purpose, described in a detailed manner sufficient to inform a reasonable citizen of the true nature of the purpose, the project or program, and the goals and objectives to achieve such purpose.
- (9) The proposed length of time the recipient entity estimates is needed to accomplish the purpose.
- (10) If any elected or appointed state official or an immediate family member of such an official is an officer, director, trustee, or employee of the recipient entity ~~who receives compensation~~ or holds any ownership interest therein:

(a) If an elected or appointed state official, the name and address of the official and the office held by such person.

(b) If an immediate family member of an elected or appointed state official, the name and address of such person; the name, address, and office of the official to whom the person is related; and the nature of the relationship.

(c) The percentage of the official's or immediate family member's ownership interest in the recipient entity, if any.

(d) The position, if any, held by the official or immediate family member in the recipient entity.

(11) If the recipient entity has a contract with any elected or appointed state official or an immediate family member of such an official or with the state or any political subdivision of the state:

(a) If the contract is with an elected or appointed state official, the name and address of the official and the office held by such person.

(b) If the contract is with an immediate family member of an elected or appointed state official, the name and address of such person; the name, address, and office of the official to whom the person is related; and the nature of the relationship.

(c) If the contract is with the state or a political subdivision of the state, the name and address of the state entity or political subdivision of the state.

(d) The nature and value of the contract, including a description of the goods or services provided or to be provided pursuant to the contract.

C. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall prescribe the form for submitting the information required by this Rule. The information submitted pursuant to this Rule shall be published by the Clerk and shall be made available to the public via the Internet. The Clerk shall maintain the information required to be submitted by this Rule in an online, searchable database, available to the public via the Internet.

D.(1) Each completed ~~General Appropriation Bill~~ appropriation bill supplemental information form shall be filed with the Clerk, made a public record, and ~~shall be~~ made available to every member of the House of Representatives ~~at least~~

~~one hour prior to the consideration~~ prior to the filing of any such amendment by with a standing committee of the House of Representatives, ~~prior to the consideration of any such amendment by the Committee of the Whole, and prior to the consideration of any such amendment by~~ or with the House of Representatives, and concurrent with the receipt of a message from the Senate or of a conference committee report concerning an appropriation bill containing amendments as described in Paragraph A of this Rule.

(2) The Clerk shall provide for the mechanism for making all such completed ~~General Appropriation Bill~~ appropriation bill supplemental information forms available to all members of the House of Representatives and for the sufficient notification to the members of the availability of the information.

E. ~~A~~ The filing of any such amendment with or a motion to adopt any such amendment by any committee, by the Committee of the Whole, or by the House of Representatives shall not be in order unless the completed ~~General Appropriation Bill~~ appropriation bill supplemental information form regarding such amendment is ~~made available to the members of the House of Representatives prior to such consideration~~ filed as required by this Rule. A motion to concur in any such Senate amendment shall not be in order unless the completed ~~General Appropriation Bill~~ appropriation bill supplemental information form regarding such amendment is made available to the members of the House of Representatives prior to ~~such motion to concur as required by this Rule~~ the scheduling of the bill for concurrence. A motion to adopt any conference committee report which contains any such amendment shall not be in order unless the completed appropriation bill supplemental form is made available to the members of the House of Representatives prior to such motion.

F. The term "immediate family" as used in this Rule shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 42:1102. The term "appointed state official" as used in this Rule shall have the same meaning as provided in R.S. 42:1114.3.

G. ~~A motion to suspend this Rule shall be a debatable motion.~~

H. ~~This rule may be suspended by a vote of a majority of the elected members.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become effective on March 21, 2008.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES