2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 179

BY SENATOR REESE

AN ACT

To enact Chapter 24-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:1909.11, relative to annual filings and reporting requirements by charitable organizations; to provide for legislative approval of certain requirements; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Chapter 24-A of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:1909.11, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 24-A. ANNUAL FILINGS BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

§1909.11. Charitable organizations; requirements

A. Absent the showing of a compelling state interest, no state agency or state official shall impose any additional annual filing or reporting requirements by rule or policy on a charitable organization that are more restrictive than the specific requirements for charitable organizations under federal or state law.

B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any such filing or reporting requirement that is more restrictive may be reviewed by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce.

C. The provisions of Subsection A of this Section shall not apply to the state's direct spending programs including state grants and state contracts nor to fraud investigations, and shall not restrict enforcement actions against a specific nonprofit organization.

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D. For the purposes of this Chapter, "charitable organization" means a person who is or holds himself out to be a benevolent, civic, recreational, educational, voluntary, health, law enforcement, social service, philanthropic, fraternal, humane, patriotic, religious, or eleemosynary organization.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ________________

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