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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 771 (Senator Pinsky, *et al.*)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Election Laws - Contribution Reports - Contributor Information

This bill requires that a campaign report submitted to the State Election Board include the full name, mailing address, employer, and occupation of the contributor where the cumulative contribution amount is greater than \$251 in a four-year election cycle. Candidates, political committee chairman, or treasurers are required to use their best efforts to obtain this information from contributors by clearly requesting the required information and timely reporting all requested information received.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: \$10,000 general fund expenditure increase in FY 2002 only for software retooling to accommodate adjusted reporting requirements. No effect on revenues.

(in dollars)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	10,000	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Campaign reports filed under the State Election Code do not require contributor identity information.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill, SB 425, was introduced in the 2000 session, and was unfavorably reported from the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Cross File: None.

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