

Senate File 580 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 580
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 261)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to monetary donations that may be received
2 and gifted by local officials and local employees to
3 offset medical or health care expenses, and making penalties
4 applicable.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 68B.22, subsection 4, Code 2025, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. t. Moneys received by a local official or
4 local employee in the form of donations from other local
5 officials or local employees to offset medical or health care
6 expenses as a result of a diagnosed condition, if such donations
7 are made and received through the use of an online crowdfunding
8 or fundraising platform. An authorized donation from a donor
9 to a recipient under this paragraph shall not exceed one hundred
10 dollars per calendar year.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 Generally under current law, a public official, public
15 employee, or candidate, or that person's immediate family member
16 is prohibited from accepting or receiving any gift or series
17 of gifts from a restricted donor. Certain monetary gifts are
18 authorized under Code section 68B.22(4). This bill authorizes
19 local officials and local employees to receive moneys in the form
20 of donations made by other local officials or local employees to
21 offset medical or health care expenses as a result of a diagnosed
22 condition. Such donations are authorized if they are made and
23 received through the use of an online crowdfunding or fundraising
24 platform. An authorized donation from a donor to a recipient
25 under the bill cannot exceed \$100 per calendar year.

26 When used in Code chapter 68B (government ethics and
27 lobbying), including in the bill, "local employee" means a
28 person employed by a political subdivision but does not
29 include an independent contractor; and "local official" means an
30 officeholder of a political subdivision.

31 By operation of law, a person who knowingly and intentionally
32 violates Code section 68B.22, as amended by the bill, commits
33 a serious misdemeanor and may be reprimanded, suspended, or
34 dismissed from the person's position or otherwise sanctioned. A
35 serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than

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1 one year and a fine of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560.

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