

CHAPTER 6

STATE AUDITOR

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6.76 LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES FOR LOBBYISTS.

(a) On or before January 31 of each year, all counties, cities, school districts, metropolitan agencies, regional railroad authorities, and the metropolitan council shall report to the state auditor, on forms prescribed by the auditor, their estimated expenditures paid for the previous calendar year to a lobbyist as defined in section 10A.01, subdivision 11, except payments to associations of local governments that are reported under paragraph (b), and to any staff person not registered as a lobbyist, over 25 percent of whose time is spent during the legislative session on legislative matters.

(b) Associations of local governments subject to this section shall report annually, on or before January 31, to the state auditor and the association's members the proportionate amount of each member's dues spent for lobbying purposes.

History: 1997 c 231 art 16 s 1

6.77 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FOR LEGAL COSTS.

(a) On or before January 1, 1998, and each year thereafter, the state auditor shall collect from all counties, cities of the first, second, and third class, and school districts with enrollment exceeding 100 students, information as to expenditure of public funds for legal services incurred to defend the entity from lawsuits and amounts paid in voluntary settlements or judgments in any lawsuit. The data must include costs incurred for any fees paid as retainers for outside counsel. Fees paid for attorneys who perform work on criminal or prosecutorial matters must be reported.

(b) The state auditor shall make and file, annually, in the state auditor's office a summary report of the information collected. Copies of the report may be made and distributed to interested persons and governmental units.

History: 1997 c 210 s 2