

HB 430 -- TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2015 (Curtman)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability

This bill establishes the Taxpayer Transparency Act of 2015 regarding materials produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense. Each communication funded by a public governmental body for advertising or educational purposes must clearly state specified information. If the communication is printed, it must include a statement that it is printed and published at taxpayer expense in sufficient type size and reasonable color contrast to be clearly readable by the recipient and within a box set apart from the other contents of the communication. If the communication is transmitted through radio, television, Internet, or other means, the communication must include a statement which is conveyed in a clearly spoken manner that it is produced and disseminated at taxpayer expense. Any email communication must be of sufficient type size and reasonable color contrast to be clearly readable by the recipient and be set apart from the other contents of the communication.

Advertisements regarding information or a solicitation for a state contract, bid, grant, or state funding and an employment opportunity are exempt from these provisions.

The provisions of the bill must not be retroactive.