

Bill Would Bar Counties and Cities from Funding Most Florida Nonprofits

[HB 605](#) – Rep. Kevin M. Steele

General Bill Summary

HB 605 would create a new section of Florida law, s. 112.3662, F.S., to prohibit a “political subdivision” from using public funds to fund any Florida not-for-profit entity or organization. The bill defines a not-for-profit entity or organization as a Florida not-for-profit corporation incorporated under chapter 617 and approved by the Secretary of State. It defines “political subdivision” by cross-reference to the meaning already used in s. 112.3121, F.S. The bill includes one express exception: the prohibition would not apply to rural hospitals as defined in s. 395.602(2), F.S. As currently filed, the bill is short and broad; it does not distinguish between grants, service contracts, sponsorships, operating support, or other funding arrangements.

Potential County Impact

For counties, HB 605 could significantly restrict the ability to fund nonprofit organizations that help deliver local services or partner with county government. Depending on how broadly “fund” is interpreted, the bill could affect county grants, social-service contracts, cultural or tourism support, public-health partnerships, housing and homeless services, youth programs, and other nonprofit-administered initiatives. The rural hospital exception is narrow, so most nonprofit partners would appear to remain subject to the ban. Counties may need to review existing agreements, redesign procurement and grant programs, and assess whether some services would need to be brought in-house or shifted to other eligible entities. The bill does not include an appropriation or transition language, so any fiscal or operational burden on counties is unclear from the filed version, but potential exposure exists where counties rely on nonprofits for cost-effective service delivery.

Effective Date

July 1, 2026.

Primary Statutory References

- s. 112.3662, F.S.
- s. 112.3121, F.S.
- s. 395.602(2), F.S.