



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 7386

House of Representatives, April 11, 2019

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. FOX of the 148th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1-95 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2019*):

4 (a) Each registrant shall file every two years with the Office of State
5 Ethics on a registration form signed under penalty of false statement,
6 on or before January fifteenth of odd-numbered years or prior to the
7 commencement of lobbying, whichever is later. If the registrant is not
8 an individual, an authorized officer or agent of the registrant shall sign
9 the form. Such registration shall be on a form prescribed by the board
10 and shall include:

11 (1) If the registrant is an individual, the registrant's name,
12 permanent address and temporary address while lobbying and the
13 name, address and nature of business of any person who compensates

14 or reimburses, or agrees to compensate or reimburse, the registrant
15 and the terms of the compensation, reimbursement or agreement, but
16 shall not include the compensation paid to an employee for [his] such
17 employee's involvement in activities other than lobbying;

18 (2) If the registrant is a corporation, the name, address, place of
19 incorporation and the principal place of business of the corporation;

20 (3) If the registrant is an association, group of persons or an
21 organization, the name and address of the principal officers and
22 directors of such association, group of persons or organization. If the
23 registrant is formed primarily for the purpose of lobbying, it shall
24 disclose the name and address of any person contributing three
25 thousand dollars or more to the registrant's lobbying activities in any
26 calendar year;

27 (4) If the registrant is not an individual, the name and address of
28 each individual who will lobby on the registrant's behalf; and

29 (5) The identification, with reasonable particularity, of areas of
30 legislative or administrative action on which the registrant expects to
31 lobby, including the names of executive agencies and quasi-public
32 agencies and, where applicable, solicitations for state contracts and
33 procurements.

34 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 1-96 of the general statutes is
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
36 *October 1, 2019*):

37 (b) Each individual communicator lobbyist registrant and each
38 business organization communicator lobbyist registrant shall file with
39 the Office of State Ethics between the first and tenth day of January a
40 report or reports, signed under penalty of false statement, reporting
41 the amounts of compensation and reimbursement received from each
42 of his clients during the previous year. In addition, each individual
43 communicator lobbyist registrant and each business organization
44 communicator lobbyist registrant shall report: (1) [Report the] The

45 fundamental terms of contracts, agreements or promises to pay or
46 receive compensation or reimbursement or to make expenditures in
47 furtherance of lobbying, including the categories of work to be
48 performed and the dollar value or compensation rate of the contract, at
49 the time of registration; (2) [report,] in accordance with the schedule
50 set forth in subsection (a) of this section, any amendments to these
51 fundamental terms, including any agreements to subcontract lobbying
52 work; and (3) [report,] in accordance with the provisions of subsection
53 (a) of this section, any expenditures for the benefit of a public official in
54 the legislative or executive branch or a member of the staff or
55 immediate family of such official which are unreimbursed and
56 required to be itemized. Such report shall not include the disclosure of
57 food and beverage provided by a communicator lobbyist registrant to
58 a public official in the legislative or executive branch or a member of
59 his staff or immediate family at a major life event, as defined by the
60 Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board, of the registrant. All such information
61 shall be reported under penalty of false statement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	1-95(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2019</i>	1-96(b)

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which makes technical revisions to statutes regarding the ethics code for lobbyists, has no fiscal impact to the State or municipalities.

The Out Years**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7386

AN ACT CONCERNING ETHICS.

SUMMARY

This bill makes technical revisions to statutes concerning the ethics code for lobbyists.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16 Nay 0 (03/29/2019)