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sHB-7327

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STATE CODES OF ETHICS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
State Ethics, Off.	GF - Transfer to	10,000	25,000
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Transfer from	10,000	25,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill: 1) extends open and public process requirements to quasi-public agency contracts, 2) extends prohibited activities to certain quasi-public agency consultants, 3) exempts students serving as public officials from certain code provisions, 4) extends the deadline for final hearing decisions and violations, 5) establishes a “lobbyist registration credit card fees account,” and makes various other changes to the state ethics codes.

The bill creates the lobbyist registration credit card fees account which will be a non-lapsing account within the General Fund for the purpose of paying lobbyist registration credit card processing fees charged to the Office of State Ethics (OSE). The bill requires the General Assembly to appropriate sufficient funds, each fiscal year, upon the request of the executive director of OSE. The fund will require \$10,000 in FY 20 and \$25,000 in FY 21 to cover the cost of credit

card processing fees of lobbyist registrations.¹

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

¹ The majority of lobbyists register for two years, in the first year of the legislative biennium, resulting in more credit card fees charged during odd fiscal years.