
DIGEST

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HB 585 Reengrossed

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Broadwater

Abstract: Requires lobbyists to include in reports information concerning officials and family members who are invited but do not attend certain lobbying functions.

Present law (R.S. 24:50 et seq.) regulates lobbying of the legislature. Present law (R.S. 49:71 et seq.) regulates lobbying of the executive branch. Requires each lobbyist to register and provide certain identifying information for the lobbyist and the lobbyist's clients and certain information concerning lobbying activities.

Present law (R.S. 24:55 and R.S. 49:76) requires each lobbyist to file monthly reports containing certain specified information regarding expenditures incurred for the purpose of lobbying. Requires the lobbyist to include expenditures attributable to each individual official who is lobbied, as well as expenditures attributable to the spouse or minor child of the official. Requires the name of the official to be included, but not the name of the spouse or minor child.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that amounts reported as being attributable to an official or the spouse or minor child of an official shall not include any expenditure made at an event that the official, spouse, or minor child did not attend.

Present law provides for enforcement by the Board of Ethics. Provides for the imposition of penalties for failing to include information required to be in a report.

Proposed law makes present law penalties applicable to proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 24:55(D)(3) and R.S. 49:76(D)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Prohibit the reporting of an expenditure as being attributable to an official or the spouse or minor child of an official if the official, spouse, or minor child did not attend the event where the expenditure was made instead of requiring the report to include a statement that the person did not attend.