2018 Regular Session SENATE BILL NO. 25 BY SENATOR MILLS **ACT No. 480**

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 24:56(F), relative to prohibited conduct by state employees and
3	agencies; to prohibit state employees and agencies from contracting for lobbying
4	services; to provide for termination of authority for lobbying services contracts; to
5	provide for the termination of existing lobbying services contracts; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 24:56(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§56. Prohibited conduct
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11	F.(1) No state employee in his official capacity or on behalf of his employer
12	agency shall lobby for or against any matter intended to have the effect of law
13	pending before the legislature or any committee thereof. Nothing herein in this
14	Subsection shall prohibit the dissemination of factual information relative to any
15	such matter or the use of public meeting rooms or meeting facilities available to all
16	citizens to lobby for or against any such matter.
17	(2) No state employee in his official capacity or on behalf of his agency
18	shall enter into a contract with a lobbyist or a contract for lobbying services to
19	lobby for or against any matter intended to have the effect of law pending
20	before the legislature or any committee thereof. For purposes of this Paragraph,
21	a contract shall include the following:
22	(a) An agreement to expend public funds for lobbyist or lobbying
23	services entered into pursuant to the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551
24	<u>et seq.</u>
25	(b) A memorandum of understanding, cooperative endeavor agreement,
26	or other similar agreement with a lobbyist or for lobbying services.

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1	(3) For purposes of this Subsection, "agency" or "agencies" shall mean
2	any department, office, division, agency, commission, board, committee, or
3	other organizational unit of a state government entity.
4	(4) The division of administration, office of state procurement, pursuant
5	to the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551 et seq., shall direct all state
6	procurement officers to revoke procurement authority to all state government
7	agencies with respect to contracts for professional lobbyists or lobbying services
8	and shall terminate or direct to terminate all existing contracts between a state
9	government agency and a lobbyist or other entity that includes a scope of work
10	to provide lobbying services for a state government agency.
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: