

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 578

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to lobbying; amending Rule 5.21 of
8 the Rules of the Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp.
9 2016, Ch. 62, App.), which relates to lobbyist
10 reporting information; requiring lobbyist principal
11 to make certain report; specifying contents and
12 requirements of such reports; providing that failure
13 to comply deemed willful violation; and providing an
14 effective date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Rule 5.21 of the Rules of the
17 Ethics Commission (74 O.S. Supp. 2016, Ch. 62, App.), is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Rule 5.21. A. Each Legislative Lobbyist Report shall include,
20 but not be limited to, information contained on the registration of
21 the legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist and the following
22 information:

23 1. The cost of each meal provided during the reporting period
24 for the Governor, for any legislator or for any employee of the
Governor or the Legislature and the date on which the meal was
provided. The cost shall include the price, plus any applicable tax

1 but shall not include a gratuity. In calculating the price of the
2 meal, items such as appetizers or hors d'oeuvre or beverages may be
3 apportioned by dividing the total cost of the item equally by the
4 number of participants, where the individual cost per participant is
5 difficult or impossible to ascertain; provided, however, the
6 individual price of other items, such as salads, entrees, or
7 individual beverages shall be attributed to individual participants.
8 Any food and beverages provided other than as part of a meal and
9 valued at more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) in the aggregate during a
10 calendar year shall be reported separately.

11 2. The aggregate total number and cost of items reported in
12 subsection 1 of this Rule, including any during this reporting
13 period for the Governor, for any legislator or for any employee of
14 the Governor or the Legislature.

15 3. The date, location and cost of food and beverage paid by a
16 lobbyist principal of the legislative liaison or legislative
17 lobbyist for any event to which all members of the Legislature were
18 invited and the percentage of the total cost of food and beverage
19 provided by the lobbyist principal for the event if less than one
20 hundred percent (100%).

21 4. The date, location and cost of food and beverage paid by a
22 lobbyist principal of the legislative liaison or legislative
23 lobbyist for a meeting of a political caucus of either House of the
24 Legislature and the percentage of the total cost of food and

1 beverage provided by the lobbyist principal for the meeting if less
2 than one hundred percent (100%).

3 5. The date, location and cost of food and beverage paid by a
4 lobbyist principal of the legislative liaison or legislative
5 lobbyist for a meeting of a committee or subcommittee of either
6 House of the Legislature identified in the Rules or Journal of the
7 respective House to which all members of the committee or
8 subcommittee were invited and which a majority of members attended
9 and the percentage of the total cost of food and beverage for the
10 meeting if less than one hundred percent (100%).

11 6. The cost of food and beverage paid by a lobbyist principal
12 of the legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist for an event at a
13 bona fide national or multistate regional professional conference,
14 seminar or other similar meeting conducted outside the geographical
15 boundaries of the State of Oklahoma to which only Oklahoma state
16 officers or employees participating in the event are invited,
17 provided a minimum of five state officers and employees participate,
18 a description of the event, the date of the event and the percentage
19 of the total cost of food and beverage for the meeting if less than
20 one hundred percent (100%).

21 Nominal costs of transportation by private motor vehicle or
22 similar public transportation such as a taxi provided by a
23 legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist to and from the location
24 of a meal or event within the State of Oklahoma or within the

1 vicinity of the meal if outside the geographical boundaries of the
2 State of Oklahoma shall be permitted but shall not be reported.
3 Reports by legislative liaisons or legislative lobbyists shall be
4 filed electronically, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission or
5 the Executive Director of the Commission. Expenditures made by a
6 lobbyist principal that is represented by more than one legislative
7 liaison or legislative lobbyist shall be reported on only one
8 Legislative Lobbyist Report by a legislative liaison or legislative
9 lobbyist; any other legislative liaison or legislative lobbyist
10 representing the same lobbyist principal shall indicate on the
11 Legislative Lobbyist Report the name of the legislative liaison or
12 legislative lobbyist reporting the expenditure on behalf of the
13 lobbyist principal.

14 B. If, during any calendar year, a lobbyist principal expends
15 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more in the aggregate to lobby for
16 or against a specific legislative measure or group of legislative
17 measure related to a specific topic, excluding the salary or
18 compensation ordinarily paid to a Legislative Lobbyist registered to
19 lobby on behalf of the lobbyist principal, the lobbyist principal
20 shall file a report with the Ethics Commission showing the aggregate
21 amount expended for such purpose, the recipient of each expenditure
22 and an explanation of purpose of each expenditure. The report shall
23 be filed not later than five (5) business days after the five-
24 hundred-dollar threshold is exceeded and shall be amended to reflect

1 any additional expenditure made during that calendar year. Such
2 amended report shall be filed not later than five (5) business days
3 after any additional expenditure is made. Failure to comply with
4 the provisions of this subsection shall be deemed a willful
5 violation of the Rules of the Ethics Commission.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2018.

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