

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 214

By: Senator E. Williams

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CONSERVE STATE GOVERNMENT MONEYS; TO
RESTRICT THE USE OF STATE GOVERNMENT MONEYS FOR
EMPLOYING LOBBYISTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CONSERVE STATE GOVERNMENT MONEYS; AND
TO RESTRICT THE USE OF STATE GOVERNMENT
MONEYS FOR EMPLOYING LOBBYISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

21-8-608. Use of state government moneys to employ a lobbyist prohibited – Exception for donated private moneys.

(a) State government moneys shall not be used to employ a lobbyist.

(b) If private moneys are donated to an institution of state government, the institution of state government may use the private moneys for that purpose.

(c) As used in this section:

(1)(A) "Lobbying" means communicating directly or soliciting others to communicate with any public servant with the purpose of influencing legislative action or administrative action.

(B) "Lobbying" does not include testimony before or communication with a public servant, the General Assembly or its committees, or the Legislative Council for the purpose of rendering legal advice or administrative expertise on an issue relating to the duties and



responsibilities of the institution of state government employing the person testifying or communicating; and

(2) "Lobbyist" means a person who:

(A) Receives income or reimbursement in a combined amount of four hundred dollars (\$400) or more in a calendar quarter for lobbying one (1) or more governmental bodies;

(B) Expends four hundred dollars (\$400) or more in a calendar quarter for lobbying one (1) or more governmental bodies, excluding the cost of personal travel, lodging, meals, or dues; or

(C) Expends four hundred dollars (\$400) or more in a calendar quarter, including postage, for the express purpose of soliciting others to communicate with any public servant to influence any legislative action or administrative action of one (1) or more governmental bodies unless the communication has been filed with the Secretary of State or the communication has been published in the news media. If the communication is filed with the Secretary of State, the filing shall include the approximate number of recipients.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January 1, 2016.