

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

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1973

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A GOVERNMENTAL BODY SHALL NOT USE STATE OR LOCAL FUNDS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A LOBBYIST FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY.

## Subtitle

TO PROVIDE THAT A GOVERNMENTAL BODY SHALL NOT USE STATE OR LOCAL FUNDS TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A LOBBYIST FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOBBYING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY.

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 or local funds to contract with lobbyist prohibited.

(a) A governmental body shall not use state or local funds to enter into a contract with a lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying on behalf of the governmental body.

(b) The prohibition under subsection (a) of this section includes without limitation the use of state or local funds by a governmental body to pay membership dues to an organization that engages in lobbying on behalf of the governmental body or similar governmental bodies, including without limitation employing one (1) or more persons registered as a lobbyist to lobby on behalf of the governmental body or similar governmental bodies, if



state or local funds are used to pay the membership dues.

(c) This section does not prohibit a governmental body from employing one (1) or more individuals to engage in lobbying on behalf of the governmental body, including without limitation one (1) or more individuals registered as lobbyists.