

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2728

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING LOBBYIST  
10 ACTIVITY REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING  
14 LOBBYIST ACTIVITY REPORTS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-8-603 is amended to read as follows:  
20 21-8-603. Activity reports - Inspection.

21 (a)(1) Within fifteen (15) days after the end of each calendar  
22 quarter, each registered lobbyist shall file a complete and detailed  
23 statement, signed and sworn to, concerning his or her lobbying activities  
24 during the previous calendar quarter.

25 (2)(A) A registered lobbyist who lobbies members of the General  
26 Assembly shall file a monthly lobbyist activity report, signed and sworn to,  
27 for any month in which the General Assembly is in session. A quarterly report  
28 is not required if the registered lobbyist has filed monthly lobbyist  
29 activity reports for each month of the calendar quarter.

30 (B) The monthly lobbyist activity report shall be filed  
31 within ten (10) days after the end of each month.

32 (b) Lobbyist activity reports shall be open to public inspection.

33 (c) When filing any report required by this section, a lobbyist shall  
34 send a copy of the report to any public servant named in the report as  
35 receiving:

36 (1) Anything of pecuniary value given to the public servant or



1 on behalf of the public servant;

2 (2) Payment for food, lodging, or travel; or

3 (3) Any other item paid or given to a public servant or on  
4 behalf of the public servant, except for campaign contributions, unless  
5 consideration of equal or greater value has been given.

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7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-8-604 is amended to read as follows:  
8 21-8-604. Activity reports - Required contents.

9 (a) The lobbyist activity reports shall be signed and sworn to by the  
10 registered lobbyist.

11 (b) The reports shall contain:

12 (1)(A) The total of all expenditures made or incurred by the  
13 registered lobbyist or on behalf of the registered lobbyist by his or her  
14 employer or any officer, employee, or agent during the preceding period.

15 (B) These totals shall be itemized according to financial  
16 category and employers and clients, including food and refreshments,  
17 entertainment, living accommodations, advertising, printing, postage, travel,  
18 telephone, and other expenses or services.

19 (C) Registered lobbyists shall not be required to report  
20 office expenses other than office expenses specifically required to be  
21 reported under this section.

22 (D) Registered lobbyists are not required to report  
23 unreimbursed personal living and travel expenses not incurred directly for  
24 lobbying;

25 (2)(A) An itemized listing of ~~each~~:

26 (i) ~~Gift~~ Anything of pecuniary value given to a  
27 public servant or on behalf of the public servant;

28 (ii) Payment for food, lodging, or travel ~~in excess~~  
29 ~~of forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ on behalf of a public servant; and

30 (iii) Any other item paid or given to a public  
31 servant or on behalf of the public servant, except for campaign  
32 contributions, ~~having a value in excess of forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ unless  
33 consideration of equal or greater value has been given therefor. If the  
34 person receiving or to be benefiting by the item is a public employee, the  
35 person's governmental body shall be identified.

36 (B) Each item shall be identified by date, amount paid or

1 value, and the name of the individual receiving or to be benefited by the  
2 item, and a description of the item.

3 (C) In the case of special events, including parties,  
4 dinners, athletic events, entertainment, and other functions, expenses need  
5 not be allocated by individuals. The information reported for a special event  
6 shall include:

- 7 (i) The date of the event;
- 8 (ii) The name of the event;
- 9 (iii) The location of the event;
- 10 (iv) The name of the governmental body or group of  
11 public servants invited;
- 12 (v) The exact amount paid by the lobbyist toward the  
13 total expenditure; and
- 14 (vi) The name of the lobbyist's employer or client  
15 making the expenditure and the names of all other lobbyists sharing in the  
16 cost of the payment;

17 (3) A detailed statement of any money loaned or promised or line  
18 of credit established to a public servant or to anyone on behalf of the  
19 public servant ~~in excess of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per individual.~~  
20 Money loaned or a line of credit established that is issued in the ordinary  
21 course of business by a financial institution or a person who regularly and  
22 customarily extends credit shall not be required to be disclosed; and

23 (4) A statement detailing the direct business association or  
24 partnership with any public servant before whom the lobbyist may engage in  
25 lobbying.

26 (c) Whenever the name of a public servant will appear in an activity  
27 report of a lobbyist, the lobbyist shall notify the public servant and  
28 provide him or her the information being reported. The lobbyist shall mail or  
29 deliver the notification to the public servant not later than seven (7)  
30 working days prior to the date for filing the activity report.

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