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A Bill

SENATE BILL 214

5
6 By: Senator E. Williams

7 Filed with: Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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15 TO CONSERVE STATE GOVERNMENT MONEYS; AND
16 TO RESTRICT THE USE OF STATE GOVERNMENT
17 MONEYS FOR EMPLOYING LOBBYISTS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

25 21-8-608. Use of state government moneys to employ a lobbyist
26 prohibited – Exception for donated private moneys.

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

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

31 (c) As used in this section:

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

35 (B) "Lobbying" does not include testimony before or
36 communication with a public servant, the General Assembly or its committees,

1 or the Legislative Council for the purpose of rendering legal advice or
2 administrative expertise on an issue relating to the duties and
3 responsibilities of the institution of state government employing the person
4 testifying or communicating; and

5 (2) "Lobbyist" means a person who:

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

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

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

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21 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January
22 1, 2016.

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25 Referred by the Arkansas Senate

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