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DIGEST

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SB 267 Engrossed

2022 Regular Session

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Present law provides for registration of anyone who lobbies the legislature or any executive branch agency. Specifies information to be included on his registration: his name, business address, names of persons who pay him to lobby and the level of payments made, and the potential subject matter about which he lobbies.

Present law requires registered lobbyists to receive a minimum of one hour of education and training on present law regarding lobbyists and on the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics which the Bd. of Ethics determines are relevant to such a lobbyist during each year the lobbyist is registered.

Proposed law requires a lobbyist who was registered as a lobbyist in the previous year to indicate on his registration whether he completed the required training during the previous year.

Proposed law, applicable to registration of lobbyists who lobby the legislature, adds "appropriations" to the list of specified subject matters about which he may anticipate lobbying. Further requires a legislative lobbyist to disclose a list of any known legislative instruments he anticipates lobbying.

Present law requires lobbyists to file supplemental registrations if any information contained in his registration changes. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides an exception to the required supplemental registration; provides that such registration is not required if a lobbyist begins representing an additional person after Dec. 31st and the lobbyist timely files his renewal form and accurately and completely listed his employment and representation at that time. Proposed law repeals the exception.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 24:53(A)(4)(a), (6) and (7) and R.S. 49:74(A)(6) and (7); Adds R.S. 24:53(A)(4)(b)(xxxiii) and (8) and R.S. 49:74(A)(8); Repeals R.S. 24:53(H)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed bill:

1. Limit the requirement to indicate whether the registrant completed the annual ethics training to lobbyists registered during the prior calendar year.
2. Add "appropriations" to the list of potential subject matters for lobbying the legislature and require a legislative lobbyist to disclose a list of any known legislative instruments he anticipates lobbying.
3. Repeal exception to supplemental registration requirement.