

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVES TALBOT, CARMODY, GAROFALO, AND LORUSSO

LOBBYING: Directs the attorney general to review and report to the legislative governmental affairs committees and requests the governmental affairs committees to study and make recommendations all relative to the use of public funds for lobbying and public relations purposes

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the attorney general to review the laws relative to lobbying by public servants and the use of public funds for lobbying, public relations, and related purposes and to report thereon, including any recommendations related thereto, to the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs no later than September 15, 2013, and to request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations relative to lobbying by public servants and the use of public funds for lobbying, public relations, and related purposes no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, there are many provisions of law, including constitutional and statutory provisions, which apply to lobbying by public servants and the use of public funds for lobbying, public relations, and related purposes; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be a general lack of understanding of the laws relative to the use of public funds for lobbying and similar purposes; and

WHEREAS, while the information provided by public servants can be invaluable, there is a distinction between providing factual information and advocacy of a position; and

1 WHEREAS, it is important that there be consistency in the level of understanding,
2 compliance, and enforcement of the laws.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 direct the attorney general to review the laws relative to lobbying by public servants and the
5 use of public funds for lobbying, public relations, and related purposes and to report thereon,
6 including any recommendations related thereto, to the House Committee on House and
7 Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs no
8 later than September 15, 2013.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate
11 Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee
12 to study and make recommendations relative to lobbying by public servants and the use of
13 public funds for lobbying, public relations, and related purposes no later than thirty days
14 prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 attorney general.

DIGEST

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