

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 25

BY SENATOR MILLS

ETHICS. Provides relative to prohibited conduct. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:56(F), relative to prohibited conduct by state employees and
3 agencies; to prohibit state employees and agencies from contracting for lobbying
4 services; to provide for termination of authority for lobbying services contracts; to
5 provide for the termination of existing lobbying services contracts; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 24:56(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §56. Prohibited conduct

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11 F.(1) No state employee in his official capacity or on behalf of his ~~employer~~
12 agency shall lobby for or against any matter intended to have the effect of law
13 pending before the legislature or any committee thereof. Nothing ~~herein~~ in this
14 Subsection shall prohibit the dissemination of factual information relative to any
15 such matter or the use of public meeting rooms or meeting facilities available to all
16 citizens to lobby for or against any such matter.

17 (2) No state employee in his official capacity or on behalf of his agency

1 shall enter into a contract with a lobbyist or a contract for lobbying services to
 2 lobby for or against any matter intended to have the effect of law pending
 3 before the legislature or any committee thereof. For purposes of this Paragraph,
 4 a contract shall include the following:

5 (a) An agreement to expend public funds for lobbyist or lobbying
 6 services entered into pursuant to the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551
 7 et seq.

8 (b) A memorandum of understanding, cooperative endeavor agreement,
 9 or other similar agreement with a lobbyist or for lobbying services.

10 (3) For purposes of this Subsection, "agency" or "agencies" shall mean
 11 any department, office, division, agency, commission, board, committee, or
 12 other organizational unit of a state government entity.

13 (4) The division of administration, office of state procurement, pursuant
 14 to the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551 et seq., shall direct all state
 15 procurement officers to revoke procurement authority to all state government
 16 agencies with respect to contracts for professional lobbyists or lobbying services
 17 and shall terminate or direct to terminate all existing contracts between a state
 18 government agency and a lobbyist or other entity that includes a scope of work
 19 to provide lobbying services for a state government agency.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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DIGEST
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Present law prohibits state government employees from lobbying the legislature.

Proposed law prohibits state government employees from contracting with lobbyists or for lobbying services by use of a contract, memorandum of understanding, cooperative endeavor agreement, or other similar agreement. Proposed law directs the division of administration to revoke agency authority to enter into such contracts and terminate any existing contracts for lobbying services and contracts with entities that include a scope of work that includes lobbying services.

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Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 24:56(F))