

SENATE BILL No. 109

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning lobbying and the use of public funds.

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3 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

4 Section 1. (a) No public funds may be used directly or indirectly for
5 lobbying. No public funds may be used to pay membership dues to an
6 association that is engaged in lobbying the state. Public funds shall not be
7 used for the purpose of employing or contracting for the service of any
8 person whose duty and responsibility includes lobbying. Nothing in this
9 section shall prevent officers or employees of the state or a municipality or
10 an association representing certain municipalities from communicating
11 with a member of the legislature on the request of that member or
12 communicating to the legislature, through the proper official channels,
13 requests for legislative action or appropriations which are deemed
14 necessary for the efficient conduct of the public business or actually made
15 in the proper performance of their official duties.

16 (b) Public funds shall not be expended as a direct or indirect gift or
17 campaign contribution to any elected official, officer or employee of the
18 state or any municipality.

19 (c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty
20 of a class C misdemeanor.

21 (d) For the purposes of this section:

22 (1) "Gift" means a voluntary transfer of any thing of value without
23 consideration of equal or greater value, but does not include informational
24 material transferred for the sole purpose of informing the recipient about
25 matters pertaining to official state agency business;

26 (2) "lobbying" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 46-225,
27 and amendments thereto;

28 (3) "municipality" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 75-
29 6102, and amendments thereto; and

30 (4) "state" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 75-6102,
31 and amendments thereto.

32 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
33 publication in the statute book.