Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 343

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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AN ACT concerning governmental ethics; relating to use of public funds for lobbying.

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

- Section 1. (a) Every lobbyist shall file with the secretary of state a detailed report of all public funds received by such lobbyist from a governmental entity. The report shall include a listing of the amount of public funds paid to hire or contract for the services of such lobbyist on a form and in the manner prescribed and provided by the governmental ethics commission. Each report required to be filed by this section is a public record and shall be open to public inspection upon request. A report shall be filed on or before the 10th day of January for the reporting period containing the preceding calendar year. Such report shall disclose an itemized listing of all public funds received by any such lobbyist.
- (b) The reports filed with the secretary of state pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made available on a publicly searchable website by the secretary of state.
- (c) No public funds shall be expended by any public entity as a direct or indirect gift or campaign contribution to any elected official, officer or employee of the state or any municipality.
 - (d) As used in this section:
- (1) "Governmental entity" has the meaning as defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.
- (2) "Lobbying" has the meaning as defined in K.S.A. 46-225, and amendments thereto.
- (3) "Public funds" means money appropriated by the state or any of its subdivisions having the authority to levy and collect taxes.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.