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A Bill

SENATE BILL 214

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CONSERVE STATE GOVERNMENT MONEYS; TO
9 RESTRICT THE USE OF STATE GOVERNMENT MONEYS FOR
10 EMPLOYING LOBBYISTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO CONSERVE STATE GOVERNMENT MONEYS; AND
15 TO RESTRICT THE USE OF STATE GOVERNMENT
16 MONEYS FOR EMPLOYING LOBBYISTS.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 21-8-608. Use of state government moneys to employ a lobbyist
24 prohibited – Exception for donated private moneys.

25 (a) State government moneys shall not be used to employ a lobbyist.

26 (b) If private moneys are donated to an institution of state
27 government, the institution of state government may use the private moneys
28 for that purpose.

29 (c) As used in this section:

30 (1)(A) "Lobbying" means communicating directly or soliciting
31 others to communicate with any public servant with the purpose of influencing
32 legislative action or administrative action.

33 (B) "Lobbying" does not include testimony before or
34 communication with a public servant, the General Assembly or its committees,
35 or the Legislative Council for the purpose of rendering legal advice or
36 administrative expertise on an issue relating to the duties and



1 responsibilities of the institution of state government employing the person
2 testifying or communicating; and

3 (2) "Lobbyist" means a person who:

4 (A) Receives income or reimbursement in a combined amount
5 of four hundred dollars (\$400) or more in a calendar quarter for lobbying one
6 (1) or more governmental bodies;

7 (B) Expends four hundred dollars (\$400) or more in a
8 calendar quarter for lobbying one (1) or more governmental bodies, excluding
9 the cost of personal travel, lodging, meals, or dues; or

10 (C) Expends four hundred dollars (\$400) or more in a
11 calendar quarter, including postage, for the express purpose of soliciting
12 others to communicate with any public servant to influence any legislative
13 action or administrative action of one (1) or more governmental bodies unless
14 the communication has been filed with the Secretary of State or the
15 communication has been published in the news media. If the communication is
16 filed with the Secretary of State, the filing shall include the approximate
17 number of recipients.

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19 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after January
20 1, 2016.