

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to ethics reform; repealing s. 11.061,
3 F.S., relating to state, state university, and
4 community college employee lobbyists; creating s.
5 106.114, F.S.; providing definitions; prohibiting
6 certain public service announcements by specified
7 entities or persons; providing applicability; amending
8 s. 112.313, F.S.; revising applicability of certain
9 provisions relating to contractual relationships;
10 prohibiting public officers or employees of an agency
11 from soliciting specified employment or contractual
12 relationships; providing an exception; requiring
13 certain offers and solicitations of employment or
14 contractual relationships to be disclosed to certain
15 persons; requiring such solicitations to be disclosed
16 to the Commission on Ethics in certain circumstances;
17 authorizing the commission to investigate such
18 disclosures; prohibiting specified persons from
19 certain compensated representation for a specified
20 period following vacation of office; deleting a
21 provision prohibiting former legislators from acting
22 as lobbyists before certain entities and persons for a
23 specified period following vacation of office;
24 providing applicability; creating s. 112.3181, F.S.;
25 prohibiting statewide elected officers and legislators

26 | from soliciting employment offers or investment advice
27 | arising out of official or political activities;
28 | providing exceptions; prohibiting such officers or
29 | legislators from soliciting or accepting investment
30 | advice from or soliciting or entering into certain
31 | profitmaking relationships with lobbyists or
32 | principals; providing definitions; requiring lobbyists
33 | and principals to disclose certain prohibited
34 | solicitations to the commission; authorizing the
35 | commission to investigate such disclosures; providing
36 | disclosure requirements; requiring the commission to
37 | publish disclosures on its website; authorizing the
38 | commission to adopt rules; amending s. 112.3185, F.S.;
39 | revising and providing definitions; prohibiting
40 | certain officers and employees from soliciting
41 | employment or contractual relationships from or
42 | negotiating employment or contractual relationships
43 | with certain employers; providing exceptions;
44 | requiring disclosure of certain offers of employment
45 | or contractual relationships; amending s. 112.3215,
46 | F.S.; revising definitions; defining the term
47 | "principally employed for governmental affairs";
48 | requiring lobbyists to electronically register with
49 | the commission; revising lobbyist registration,
50 | compensation report, principal designation

51 cancellation, and investigation requirements;
 52 authorizing the commission to dismiss certain
 53 complaints and investigations; amending s. 420.5061,
 54 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by
 55 the act; providing an effective date.

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 57 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

58
 59 Section 1. Section 11.061, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

60 Section 2. Section 106.114, Florida Statutes, is created
 61 to read:

62 106.114 Elected official advertising.—

63 (1) As used in this section, the term:

64 (a) "Governmental entity" means any executive, judicial,
 65 or quasi-judicial department; state university; community
 66 college; water management district; or political subdivision.

67 (b) "Public service announcement" means any message
 68 communicated by radio, television, billboard, or electronic
 69 means that promotes or announces an issue of public importance,
 70 concern, or welfare. The term does not include an official
 71 communication on a governmental entity's or elected official's
 72 website or social media account used exclusively for official
 73 business.

74 (2) A governmental entity, a person acting on behalf of a
 75 governmental entity, or an elected official may not use or

76 | authorize the use of an elected official's name, image,
 77 | likeness, official uniform, badge, or other symbol of office in
 78 | a public service announcement beginning on the date that the
 79 | elected official qualifies as a candidate under s. 99.061, or
 80 | other applicable law, for reelection or election to another
 81 | public office and ending on the day after the election for which
 82 | the elected official qualified as a candidate, if such
 83 | announcement is paid for with public funds, as defined in s.
 84 | 106.113, or if the time or space for such announcement is
 85 | donated by the communications media. This subsection does not
 86 | apply to charitable events held by a tax-exempt organization
 87 | under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or bona fide
 88 | news events such as press conferences or public debates
 89 | broadcast by a broadcaster licensed by the Federal
 90 | Communications Commission.

91 | Section 3. Subsection (7), paragraph (a) of subsection
 92 | (9), and subsection (15) of section 112.313, Florida Statutes,
 93 | are amended to read:

94 | 112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers,
 95 | employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

96 | (7) CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.—

97 | (a) A ~~No~~ public officer or employee of an agency may not
 98 | ~~shall~~ have or hold any employment or contractual relationship
 99 | with any business entity or any agency that ~~which~~ is subject to
 100 | the regulation of, or is doing business with, an agency of which

101 he or she is an officer or employee, excluding those
102 organizations and their officers who, when acting in their
103 official capacity, enter into or negotiate a collective
104 bargaining contract with the state or any municipality, county,
105 or other political subdivision of the state. Such, ~~nor shall an~~
106 officer or employee also may not ~~of an agency~~ have or hold any
107 employment or contractual relationship that will create a
108 continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his or her
109 private interests and the performance of his or her public
110 duties or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of
111 his or her public duties.

112 1. When the agency referred to is a ~~that certain kind of~~
113 special tax district created by general or special law and is
114 limited specifically to constructing, maintaining, managing, and
115 financing improvements in the land area over which the agency
116 has jurisdiction, or when the agency has been organized pursuant
117 to chapter 298, ~~then~~ employment with, or entering into a
118 contractual relationship with, such a business entity by a
119 public officer or employee of such an agency is ~~shall~~ not be
120 prohibited by this subsection or ~~be~~ deemed a conflict ~~per se~~.
121 However, conduct by such officer or employee that is prohibited
122 by, or otherwise frustrates the intent of, this section is ~~shall~~
123 ~~be deemed~~ a conflict of interest in violation of the standards
124 of conduct set forth by this section.

125 2. When the agency referred to is a legislative body and

126 | the regulatory power over the business entity resides in another
 127 | agency, or when the regulatory power that ~~which~~ the legislative
 128 | body exercises over the business entity or agency is strictly
 129 | through the enactment of laws or ordinances, ~~then~~ employment
 130 | with, or entering into a contractual relationship with, such a
 131 | business entity by a public officer or employee of such a
 132 | legislative body is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ prohibited by this subsection
 133 | or ~~be~~ deemed a conflict based on the regulatory power of the
 134 | legislative body, unless prohibited or deemed a conflict by
 135 | another law.

136 | (b) This subsection does ~~shall~~ not prohibit a public
 137 | officer or employee from practicing in a particular profession
 138 | or occupation when such practice by persons holding such public
 139 | office or employment is required or permitted by law or
 140 | ordinance.

141 | (c)1. A public officer or employee of an agency may not
 142 | solicit any employment or contractual relationship prohibited by
 143 | this subsection, except as expressly permitted in s. 112.3185.

144 | 2. If a public officer or employee of an agency, or a
 145 | person acting on his or her behalf, violates subparagraph 1.,
 146 | the solicited business entity or agency must disclose such
 147 | solicitation to the head of the officer's or employee's agency.
 148 | If such solicitation is by or on behalf of the head of the
 149 | agency or a member of a body that is the head of the agency, the
 150 | solicited business entity or agency must disclose such

151 solicitation to the commission. The commission may investigate
 152 such disclosure as if it were a valid complaint under this part.

153 (d) A public officer or employee of an agency must
 154 disclose to the head of his or her agency, the general counsel
 155 or inspector general of his or her agency, or any other officer
 156 or attorney designated by the head of his or her agency any
 157 offer of employment or contractual relationship that is
 158 prohibited by this subsection.

159 (9) POSTEMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS; STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR
 160 LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES.—

161 (a)1. It is the intent of the Legislature to implement by
 162 statute the provisions of s. 8(e), Art. II of the State
 163 Constitution relating to legislators, statewide elected
 164 officers, appointed state officers, and designated public
 165 employees.

166 2. As used in this paragraph:

167 a. "Employee" means:

168 (I) Any person employed in the executive or legislative
 169 branch of government holding a position in the Senior Management
 170 Service as defined in s. 110.402 or any person holding a
 171 position in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in s. 110.602
 172 or any person having authority over policy or procurement
 173 employed by the Department of the Lottery.

174 (II) The Auditor General, the director of the Office of
 175 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, the

176 Sergeant at Arms and Secretary of the Senate, and the Sergeant
177 at Arms and Clerk of the House of Representatives.

178 (III) The executive director and deputy executive director
179 of the Commission on Ethics.

180 (IV) An executive director, staff director, or deputy
181 staff director of each joint committee, standing committee, or
182 select committee of the Legislature; an executive director,
183 staff director, executive assistant, analyst, or attorney of the
184 Office of the President of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker
185 of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Party
186 Office, Senate Minority Party Office, House Majority Party
187 Office, or House Minority Party Office; or any person, hired on
188 a contractual basis, having the power normally conferred upon
189 such persons, by whatever title.

190 (V) The Chancellor and Vice Chancellors of the State
191 University System; the general counsel to the Board of Governors
192 of the State University System; and the president, provost, vice
193 presidents, and deans of each state university.

194 (VI) Any person, including an other-personal-services
195 employee, having the power normally conferred upon the positions
196 referenced in this sub-subparagraph.

197 b. "Appointed state officer" means any member of an
198 appointive board, commission, committee, council, or authority
199 of the executive or legislative branch of state government whose
200 powers, jurisdiction, and authority are not solely advisory and

201 include the final determination or adjudication of any personal
202 or property rights, duties, or obligations, other than those
203 relative to its internal operations.

204 c. "State agency" means an entity of the legislative,
205 executive, or judicial branch of state government over which the
206 Legislature exercises plenary budgetary and statutory control.

207 3.a. A ~~No~~ member of the Legislature, appointed state
208 officer, or statewide elected officer may not ~~shall~~ personally
209 represent another person or entity for compensation before the
210 government body or agency of which the individual was an officer
211 or member for a period of 2 years following vacation of office.
212 A ~~No~~ member of the Legislature may not ~~shall~~ personally
213 represent another person or entity for compensation during his
214 or her term of office before any state agency other than
215 judicial tribunals or in settlement negotiations after the
216 filing of a lawsuit.

217 b. For a period of 2 years following vacation of office, a
218 former member of the Legislature may not act as a lobbyist for
219 compensation before an executive branch agency, agency official,
220 or employee. The terms used in this sub-subparagraph have the
221 same meanings as provided in s. 112.3215.

222 4. An agency employee, including an agency employee who
223 was employed on July 1, 2001, in a Career Service System
224 position that was transferred to the Selected Exempt Service
225 System under chapter 2001-43, Laws of Florida, may not

226 personally represent another person or entity for compensation
227 before the agency with which he or she was employed for a period
228 of 2 years following vacation of position, unless employed by
229 and representing another state agency of state government.

230 5. Any person violating this paragraph is ~~shall be~~ subject
231 to the penalties provided in s. 112.317 and a civil penalty of
232 an amount equal to the compensation which the person receives
233 for the prohibited conduct.

234 ~~6. This paragraph is not applicable to:~~

235 ~~a. A person employed by the Legislature or other agency~~
236 ~~prior to July 1, 1989;~~

237 ~~b. A person who was employed by the Legislature or other~~
238 ~~agency on July 1, 1989, whether or not the person was a defined~~
239 ~~employee on July 1, 1989;~~

240 ~~c. A person who was a defined employee of the State~~
241 ~~University System or the Public Service Commission who held such~~
242 ~~employment on December 31, 1994;~~

243 ~~d. A person who has reached normal retirement age as~~
244 ~~defined in s. 121.021(29), and who has retired under the~~
245 ~~provisions of chapter 121 by July 1, 1991; or~~

246 ~~e. Any appointed state officer whose term of office began~~
247 ~~before January 1, 1995, unless reappointed to that office on or~~
248 ~~after January 1, 1995.~~

249 (15) (a) ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION.—An ~~No~~ elected public officer
250 may not ~~shall~~ be held in violation of subsection (7) if the

251 officer maintains an employment relationship with an entity
252 which is currently a tax-exempt organization under s. 501(c) of
253 the Internal Revenue Code and which contracts with or otherwise
254 enters into a business relationship with the officer's agency
255 and:

256 1.(a) The officer's employment is not directly or
257 indirectly compensated as a result of such contract or business
258 relationship;

259 2.(b) The officer has in no way participated in the
260 agency's decision to contract or to enter into the business
261 relationship with his or her employer, whether by participating
262 in discussion at the meeting, by communicating with officers or
263 employees of the agency, or otherwise; and

264 3.(e) The officer abstains from voting on any matter which
265 may come before the agency involving the officer's employer,
266 publicly states to the assembly the nature of the officer's
267 interest in the matter from which he or she is abstaining, and
268 files a written memorandum as provided in s. 112.3143.

269 (b) This subsection does not apply to an elected public
270 officer who begins his or her term of office on or after October
271 1, 2020.

272 Section 4. Section 112.3181, Florida Statutes, is created
273 to read:

274 112.3181 Additional standards for statewide elected
275 officers and legislators.—

276 (1) A statewide elected officer or member of the
277 Legislature may not solicit an employment offer or investment
278 advice arising out of official or political activities engaged
279 in while he or she is an officer or legislator, or a candidate
280 for such office, except in the following circumstances:

281 (a) The officer or legislator may solicit or accept future
282 employment, including professional partnerships, in the last 180
283 days of his or her term of office if he or she is ineligible to
284 run for reelection or has publicly announced, and filed a letter
285 or other written notice with the qualifying officer with whom
286 reelection qualification papers are filed, that he or she is not
287 and does not intend to become a candidate for reelection.

288 (b) The officer or legislator may solicit or accept
289 employment from any prospective employer in a profession or
290 occupation in which he or she has formerly engaged, has been
291 formally educated or trained, or is licensed unless such
292 employment is prohibited by other general law.

293 (2) A statewide elected officer or member of the
294 Legislature may not solicit or accept investment advice from or
295 solicit or enter into an investment, joint venture, or other
296 profitmaking relationship with a lobbyist or principal, as those
297 terms are defined in s. 11.045 or s. 112.3215. However, the
298 officer or legislator may buy or sell listed, publicly traded
299 securities of a principal without the advice of a lobbyist or
300 principal unless such action violates s. 112.313. For purposes

301 of this section, the phrase "investment, joint venture, or other
302 profitmaking relationship" does not include an employment
303 relationship or any enterprise organized to employ or engage the
304 personal services of individuals, including the officer or
305 legislator. For purposes of this section, the terms "investment
306 advice" and "profitmaking relationship" do not include a client
307 relationship with a licensed investment broker, licensed
308 investment advisor, or similarly licensed professional to whom
309 the officer or legislator pays ordinary and reasonable fees for
310 services, regardless of such broker's, advisor's, or
311 professional's status as a principal of a lobbyist or a
312 nonlobbyist employee of such principal.

313 (3) A lobbyist or principal who receives a solicitation
314 prohibited by this section, by or on behalf of a statewide
315 elected officer or member of the Legislature, must disclose such
316 solicitation to the commission. Any other person who receives
317 such solicitation may disclose such solicitation to the
318 commission. The commission may investigate any disclosure under
319 this subsection as if it were a valid complaint under this part.

320 (4) (a) A statewide elected officer or member of the
321 Legislature must file a written disclosure with the commission
322 upon acceptance of the following:

- 323 1. New employment with or increased compensation from an
324 entity that receives state funds directly by appropriation;
325 2. New employment with or increased compensation from an

326 agency;

327 3. New employment with or increased compensation from a
328 lobbyist, principal of a lobbyist, or lobbying firm; or

329 4. New employment, the offer of which arose out of
330 official or political activities engaged in while he or she was
331 a statewide elected officer, member of the Legislature, or
332 candidate for such office.

333 (b) The disclosure must identify the applicable
334 subparagraph of paragraph (a) and the employer, position, salary
335 or other compensation, and effective date of employment or
336 increased compensation. Such disclosure must be filed within 30
337 days after he or she accepts the employment or increased
338 compensation or before the effective date of employment or
339 increased compensation, whichever date is earliest. With respect
340 to employment or increased compensation accepted or effective
341 between December 31, 2019, and July 1, 2020, the officer or
342 legislator must file such disclosure within 30 days after July
343 1, 2020. The commission shall publish such disclosures with the
344 officer's or legislator's full and public disclosure of
345 financial interests on its website. The commission may adopt
346 forms for disclosure and may adopt rules requiring electronic
347 submission of the disclosure required by this subsection.

348 Section 5. Subsection (7) of section 112.3185, Florida
349 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), subsection (1) and
350 present subsection (8) are amended, and a new subsection (7) is

351 added to that section, to read:

352 112.3185 Additional standards for state officers and
353 agency employees.—

354 (1) For the purposes of this section:

355 (a) "Contractual services" shall be defined as set forth
356 in chapter 287.

357 (b) "Agency" means any state officer, department, board,
358 commission, or council of the executive, legislative, or
359 judicial branch of state government and includes the Public
360 Service Commission.

361 (c) "Covered officer" means a state officer who is serving
362 in a position that is not an elective position. The term does
363 not include a person who is appointed to fill an unexpired term
364 of an elective office.

365 (d) "Negotiate" or "negotiation" means a response to an
366 offer or solicitation of offers of an employment or contractual
367 relationship, including the submission of a resume, an
368 application, or any other information demonstrating interest on
369 the part of a prospective employee and interviewing or engaging
370 in other communication intended to lead to an offer or
371 acceptance of an employment or contractual relationship.

372 (e) "Reporting employee" means any agency employee who is
373 a reporting individual or procurement employee, as those terms
374 are defined in s. 112.3148.

375 (f) "Restricted employer," with respect to any state

376 officer or agency employee, means any entity that does business
377 with or is subject to regulation by an agency employing the
378 covered officer or reporting employee and any person or entity
379 from whom the covered officer or reporting employee may not
380 solicit a gift under s. 112.3148(3).

381 (g) "Subject to regulation by an agency" means subject to
382 regulation by agency action, as defined in s. 120.52(2) or its
383 substantial equivalent. The term does not include regulatory
384 power exercised strictly through the enactment of general laws.

385 (7) A covered officer or reporting employee who is
386 employed in such position on or after July 1, 2020, may not
387 solicit an employment or contractual relationship from or
388 negotiate an employment or contractual relationship with a
389 restricted employer except as provided in this section.

390 (a) A covered officer or reporting employee may solicit a
391 future employment or contractual relationship from or negotiate
392 a future employment or contractual relationship with a
393 restricted employer within 90 days before the expiration of the
394 officer's term of office, if the officer does not seek
395 reappointment, or within 90 days before the officer's or
396 employee's termination or retirement date, if he or she provides
397 notice of termination or retirement to the head of his or her
398 agency, the general counsel or inspector general of his or her
399 agency, or any other officer or attorney designated by the head
400 of his or her agency.

401 (b) If a covered officer or reporting employee has been
402 notified by his or her appointing authority or employing agency
403 that he or she will be discharged from office or dismissed or
404 terminated from employment, he or she may solicit a future
405 employment or contractual relationship from or negotiate a
406 future employment or contractual relationship with a restricted
407 employer at any time after such notice but not sooner than 180
408 days before his or her employment is scheduled to end.

409 (c) A covered officer or reporting employee must disclose
410 to the head of his or her agency, the general counsel or
411 inspector general of his or her agency, or any other officer or
412 attorney designated by the head of his or her agency any offer
413 of an employment or contractual relationship from a restricted
414 employer. After such disclosure, a covered officer or reporting
415 employee may negotiate an employment or contractual relationship
416 with the restricted employer if expressly authorized by the head
417 of his or her agency or the agency head's authorized designee.
418 Permission may be withheld only if the agency head or his or her
419 authorized designee determines such negotiation poses an actual
420 or potential conflict with the interests of the state or the
421 agency.

422 (d) This subsection does not authorize any employment or
423 contractual relationship solicitation otherwise prohibited by
424 general law.

425 (9)(8) Subsections (1)-(6) of this section do not apply ~~is~~

426 ~~not applicable~~ to any employee of the Public Service Commission
 427 who was so employed on or before December 31, 1994, unless so
 428 employed on or after July 1, 2020.

429 Section 6. Paragraphs (a), (f), and (h) of subsection (1),
 430 subsection (3), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), and subsections
 431 (7) and (8) of section 112.3215, Florida Statutes, are amended,
 432 and subsection (15) of that section is reenacted, to read:

433 112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch or the
 434 Constitution Revision Commission; registration and reporting;
 435 investigation by commission.—

436 (1) For the purposes of this section:

437 (a) "Agency" means the Governor; the Governor and
 438 Cabinet; ~~or~~ any department, division, bureau, board,
 439 commission, or authority of the executive branch; the State
 440 Board of Education; the Board of Governors of the State
 441 University System; or. ~~In addition, "agency" shall mean the~~
 442 Constitution Revision Commission as provided by s. 2, Art. XI of
 443 the State Constitution.

444 (f) "Lobbying" ~~"Lobbies"~~ means seeking, on behalf of
 445 another person, to influence an agency with respect to a
 446 decision of the agency in the area of policy or procurement or
 447 an attempt to obtain the goodwill of an agency official or
 448 employee. "Lobbying" ~~"Lobbies"~~ also means influencing or
 449 attempting to influence, on behalf of another, the Constitution
 450 Revision Commission's action or nonaction through oral or

451 written communication or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a
452 member or employee of the Constitution Revision Commission.

453 (h) "Lobbyist" means a person who is employed and receives
454 payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the
455 purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for
456 governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to
457 lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. The
458 term "principally employed for governmental affairs" means that
459 one of the principal or most significant responsibilities of the
460 employee to the employer is overseeing the employer's various
461 relationships with government or representing the employer in
462 its contacts with government. "Lobbyist" does not include a
463 person who is:

464 1. An attorney, or any person, who represents a client in
465 a judicial proceeding or in a formal administrative proceeding
466 conducted pursuant to chapter 120 or any other formal hearing
467 before an agency, board, commission, or authority of this state.

468 2. An officer or employee of an agency, ~~or of~~ a
469 legislative or judicial branch entity, or a political
470 subdivision of this state acting in the normal course of his or
471 her office or duties.

472 3. A confidential informant who is providing, or wishes to
473 provide, confidential information to be used for law enforcement
474 purposes.

475 4. A person who seeks ~~lobbies~~ to procure a contract

476 pursuant to chapter 287 which contract is less than the
477 threshold for CATEGORY ONE as provided in s. 287.017.

478 (3) A person may not lobby an agency until such person has
479 electronically registered as a lobbyist with the commission.
480 Such registration shall be due upon initially being retained to
481 lobby and is renewable on a calendar year basis thereafter. The
482 commission shall request authorization from the principal with
483 the principal's name, business address, e-mail address, and
484 telephone number to confirm that the registrant is authorized to
485 represent the principal. ~~Upon registration the person shall~~
486 ~~provide a statement signed by the principal or principal's~~
487 ~~representative that the registrant is authorized to represent~~
488 ~~the principal.~~ The principal or principal's representative shall
489 also identify and designate its main business pursuant to the
490 North American Industry Classification System six-digit
491 numerical code that most accurately describes the principal's
492 main business. Registration is not complete until the commission
493 receives the principal's authorization and the registration fee
494 ~~on the statement authorizing that lobbyist pursuant to a~~
495 ~~classification system approved by the commission.~~ The
496 registration shall require each lobbyist to attest to disclose,
497 ~~under oath,~~ the following information:

498 (a) The full legal name, e-mail address, telephone number,
499 ~~Name~~ and business address;

500 (b) The name, business address, and telephone number of

501 the lobbying firm on behalf of which the registrant is
 502 representing the principal, if any;

503 ~~(c)-(b)~~ The full name, e-mail address, telephone number,
 504 and business address of each principal represented;

505 ~~(c) His or her area of interest;~~

506 (d) The agencies before which he or she will appear; and

507 (e) The existence of any direct or indirect business
 508 association, partnership, or financial relationship with any
 509 employee of an agency with which he or she lobbies, or intends
 510 to lobby, as disclosed in the registration.

511 (5) (a) 1. Each lobbying firm shall file a compensation
 512 report with the commission for each calendar quarter during any
 513 portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were
 514 registered to represent a principal. The report shall include
 515 the:

516 a. Full name, e-mail address, business address, and
 517 telephone number of the lobbying firm;

518 b. Name of each of the firm's lobbyists; and

519 c. Total compensation provided or owed to the lobbying
 520 firm from all principals for the reporting period, reported in
 521 one of the following categories: \$0; \$1 to \$49,999; \$50,000 to
 522 \$99,999; \$100,000 to \$249,999; \$250,000 to \$499,999; \$500,000 to
 523 \$999,999; \$1 million or more.

524 2. For each principal represented by one or more of the
 525 firm's lobbyists, the lobbying firm's compensation report shall

526 also include the:

527 a. Full name, e-mail address, business address, and
528 telephone number of the principal; and

529 b. Total compensation provided or owed to the lobbying
530 firm for the reporting period, reported in one of the following
531 categories: \$0; \$1 to \$9,999; \$10,000 to \$19,999; \$20,000 to
532 \$29,999; \$30,000 to \$39,999; \$40,000 to \$49,999; or \$50,000 or
533 more. If the category "\$50,000 or more" is selected, the
534 specific dollar amount of compensation must be reported, rounded
535 up or down to the nearest \$1,000.

536 3. If the lobbying firm subcontracts work from another
537 lobbying firm and not from the original principal:

538 a. The lobbying firm providing the work to be
539 subcontracted shall be treated as the reporting lobbying firm's
540 principal for reporting purposes under this paragraph; and

541 b. The reporting lobbying firm shall, for each lobbying
542 firm identified under subparagraph 2., identify the name and
543 address of the principal originating the lobbying work.

544 4. The senior partner, officer, or owner of the lobbying
545 firm shall certify to the veracity and completeness of the
546 information submitted pursuant to this paragraph.

547 (7) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to
548 the commission canceling the designation of registration ~~for a~~
549 principal in his or her registration upon termination of such
550 ~~the lobbyist's representation of that principal.~~ The commission

551 may cancel a lobbyist's designation of a principal upon the
552 principal's notification that the lobbyist is no longer
553 authorized to represent the principal ~~Notwithstanding this~~
554 ~~requirement, the commission may remove the name of a lobbyist~~
555 ~~from the list of registered lobbyists if the principal notifies~~
556 ~~the office that a person is no longer authorized to represent~~
557 ~~that principal.~~

558 (8) (a) The commission shall investigate every sworn
559 complaint that is filed with it alleging that a person covered
560 by this section has failed to register, has failed to submit a
561 compensation report, has made a prohibited expenditure, or has
562 knowingly submitted false information in any report or
563 registration required in this section.

564 (b) All proceedings, the complaint, and other records
565 relating to the investigation are confidential and exempt from
566 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
567 Constitution, and any meetings held pursuant to an investigation
568 are exempt from the provisions of s. 286.011(1) and s. 24(b),
569 Art. I of the State Constitution either until the alleged
570 violator requests in writing that such investigation and
571 associated records and meetings be made public or until the
572 commission determines, based on the investigation, whether
573 probable cause exists to believe that a violation has occurred.

574 (c) The commission shall investigate any lobbying firm,
575 lobbyist, principal, agency, officer, or employee upon receipt

576 of information from a sworn complaint or from a random audit of
 577 lobbying reports indicating that the individual or entity has
 578 intentionally failed to disclose any material fact or has
 579 knowingly submitted false information in any report required by
 580 this section or by rules adopted pursuant to this section ~~a~~
 581 ~~possible violation other than a late-filed report.~~

582 (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(c), the commission may
 583 dismiss any complaint or investigation resulting from a random
 584 audit of lobbying reports, at any state of disposition, if it
 585 determines that the public interest is not served by proceeding
 586 further, in which case the commission shall issue a public
 587 report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissal.

588 (e) ~~(d)~~1. Records relating to an audit conducted pursuant
 589 to this section or an investigation conducted pursuant to this
 590 section or s. 112.32155 are confidential and exempt from s.
 591 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

592 2. Any portion of a meeting wherein such investigation or
 593 audit is discussed is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art.
 594 I of the State Constitution.

595 3. The exemptions no longer apply if the lobbying firm
 596 requests in writing that such investigation and associated
 597 records and meetings be made public or the commission determines
 598 there is probable cause that the audit reflects a violation of
 599 the reporting laws.

600 (15) The commission shall adopt rules to administer this

601 section, which shall prescribe forms for registration and
602 compensation reports, procedures for registration, and
603 procedures that will prevent disclosure of information that is
604 confidential as provided in this section.

605 Section 7. Section 420.5061, Florida Statutes, is amended
606 to read:

607 420.5061 Transfer of agency assets and liabilities.—The
608 corporation is the legal successor in all respects to the
609 agency, is obligated to the same extent as the agency under any
610 agreements existing on December 31, 1997, and is entitled to any
611 rights and remedies previously afforded the agency by law or
612 contract, including specifically the rights of the agency under
613 chapter 201 and part VI of chapter 159. Effective January 1,
614 1998, all references under Florida law to the agency are deemed
615 to mean the corporation. The corporation shall transfer to the
616 General Revenue Fund an amount which otherwise would have been
617 deducted as a service charge pursuant to s. 215.20(1) if the
618 Florida Housing Finance Corporation Fund established by s.
619 420.508(5), the State Apartment Incentive Loan Fund established
620 by s. 420.5087(7), the Florida Homeownership Assistance Fund
621 established by s. 420.5088(4), the HOME Investment Partnership
622 Fund established by s. 420.5089(1), and the Housing
623 Predevelopment Loan Fund established by s. 420.525(1) were each
624 trust funds. For purposes of s. 112.313, the corporation is
625 deemed to be a continuation of the agency, and the provisions

626 | thereof are deemed to apply as if the same entity remained in
627 | place. ~~Any employees of the agency and agency board members~~
628 | ~~covered by s. 112.313(9)(a)6. shall continue to be entitled to~~
629 | ~~the exemption in that subparagraph, notwithstanding being hired~~
630 | ~~by the corporation or appointed as board members of the~~
631 | ~~corporation.~~

632 | Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.