

HOUSE BILL No. 2283

By By Committee on Judiciary

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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) Except as provided further, no public funds may be
5 used directly or indirectly for lobbying. Nothing in this sections shall
6 prevent officers or employees of a state agency from communicating with
7 a member of the legislature on the request of that member; or
8 communicating to the legislature, through the proper official channels,
9 requests for legislative action or appropriations which are deemed
10 necessary for the efficient conduct of the public business or actually made
11 in the proper performance of their official duties.

12 (b) Any state agency, not otherwise expressly authorized by law,
13 may expend public funds for lobbying, but such lobbying activity shall be
14 limited to:

15 (1) Providing information or communicating on matters pertaining to
16 official agency business to any elected official or officer or employee of
17 any state agency; or

18 (2) advocating the official position or interests of the agency to any
19 elected official or officer or employee of any state agency.

20 (c) Public funds shall not be expended as a direct or indirect gift or
21 campaign contribution to any elected official or officer or employee of
22 any state agency.

23 (d) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty
24 of a class C misdemeanor.

25 (e) For the purposes of this section:

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

30 (2) "lobbying" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 46-
31 225, 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.

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