

**SENATE BILL No. 343**

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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

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

5 Section 1. (a) Every governmental entity shall file with the secretary  
6 of state a detailed report of public funds used for lobbying. The report shall  
7 include a listing of the compensation and reimbursement of expenses for  
8 public officials and employees and the amount of public funds used to hire  
9 or contract for the services of any lobbyist on a form and in the manner  
10 prescribed and provided by the governmental ethics commission. Each  
11 report required to be filed by this act is a public record and shall be open to  
12 public inspection upon request. A report shall be filed on or before the 10<sup>th</sup>  
13 day of January for the reporting period containing the preceding calendar  
14 year. Such report shall disclose the following:

15 (1) An itemized listing of all public funds used by any public entity  
16 for:

17 (A) The pro rata share of compensation to public officials and  
18 employees who spend a portion of their time engaged in lobbying;

19 (B) employing or contracting for the services of a lobbyist;

20 (C) paying membership dues or providing any other type of financial  
21 support to an association that employs a lobbyist who is engaged in  
22 lobbying on behalf of such public entity's interests;

23 (D) paying membership dues or providing any other type of financial  
24 support to an association that has an affiliated organization that employs a  
25 lobbyist who is engaged in lobbying on behalf of such public entity's  
26 interests;

27 (2) the full name and address of each public officer, employee and  
28 lobbyist who has received compensation or financial support, whether  
29 directly or indirectly, from the public entity during the reporting period;

30 (3) the full name and address of each individual, association or  
31 organization that has received membership dues or any other financial  
32 support from a public entity for the purposes described in subsection (a)  
33 (1).

34 (b) If any governmental entity intends to expend no public funds for  
35 the purposes listed in subsection (a)(1), such public entity shall file an  
36 affidavit of such intent with the secretary of state. Such public entity shall

1 not be required to file the reports required under subsection (a). However,  
2 if a public entity filing such affidavit expends any public funds for the  
3 purposes listed in subsection (a)(1), a report shall be filed for such period  
4 in the manner prescribed by subsection (a).

5 (c) The reports or affidavits filed with the secretary of state pursuant  
6 to subsections (a) and (b) shall be made available on a publicly searchable  
7 website by the secretary of state.

8 (d) No public funds shall be expended by any public entity as a direct  
9 or indirect gift or campaign contribution to any elected official, officer or  
10 employee of the state or any municipality.

11 (e) As used in this section:

12 (1) "Governmental entity" has the meaning as defined in K.S.A. 2013  
13 Supp. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

14 (2) "Lobbying" has the meaning as defined in K.S.A. 46-225, and  
15 amendments thereto.

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