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Senate House

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Representative(s) Brown offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Between line(s) 638 and 639, insert:

Section 7. (1) There is established the Lobbying Study
Group, consisting of nine members. The Speaker of the House of
Representatives shall appoint three members, one of whom shall
be a lobbyist; the President of the Senate shall appoint three
members, one of whom shall be a lobbyist; and the Governor shall
appoint three members, one of whom shall be a lobbyist. The
members shall serve for a term of 1 year each and submit a
report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
President of the Senate, and the Governor by July 1, 2006.

(2) The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

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- (a) The prohibition of lobbyists either to give gifts or to give gifts under current limits with dual reporting.
- (b) The prohibition of lobbying of parties or candidates to:
- 1. Make campaign contributions or solicitations for contributions prior to qualifying; or
- 2. Make campaign contributions during any meetings of the Legislature, including interim committee meetings.
- (c) The prohibition of legislative members from working for an entity or government agency that employs a lobbyist or that seeks appropriations.
- (d) The prohibition of legislators from requesting from a registered lobbyist or principal any funds for any purposes, including charitable causes, without the legislator filing a quarterly disclosure statement listing lobbyists that were contacted.
- (e) The prohibition of any legislator from soliciting for a 527 from a lobbyist or principal without the legislator filing a quarterly disclosure statement listing the lobbyist that was contacted.
- (f) The prohibition of campaign consultants from working as a lobbyist or registering to lobby for 2 years after they have had a contract for payment for campaign consulting with a legislator or party.
- (g) The prohibition of legislators' spouses and immediate family members lobbying while such legislator is in office.

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- (h) The prohibition of in-kind contributions to any political party from lobbyists or principals for any travel, dining, or entertainment, including the use of any facilities owned, leased, or under the control of the lobbyist or principal.
- (i) The prohibition of elected public officials from soliciting or receiving federal or state campaign contributions while serving as a state elected official.
- (j) The prohibition of legislators, state parties, or state appointed officials from recommending to any entity a lobbyist for hire.
- (k) A \$100 expenditure limit per person for all food and beverage consumed at one sitting. The reporting prohibition against the listing of individual names would remain. The lobbyist or principal must be in attendance at the event.
- (1) The requirement of a "check-off" disclosure of areas of lobbying interest in a timely manner on the lobbyist disclosure statement either at registration or, in the case of amended activities, within 48 hours of commencement of lobbying activity.
- (m) The requirement of exact dollar disclosure by the lobbyist of all fees paid by public entities to the lobbyist.
- (n) The requirement of audits of lobbyist records only after an affirmative finding of probable cause on a filed complaint.
- (o) The requirement of electronic reporting, without signatures, the use of the same opt-out as the executive branch,

- and to require due dates to be the same as elections law, less frequently during the interim.
- (p) The prohibition of registered lobbyists from personal campaign contributions unless the lobbyist is eligible to vote for the candidate or lives in the district.
- (3) This section applies to lobbyists to the legislative and executive branches of state government and to local governments.

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Remove line(s) 48 and insert:

Internet; establishing a Lobbying Study Group; providing for membership; requiring the submission of a report; specifying areas of study; specifying the initial reporting period that is

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