

Bill No. CS for SB 2196

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Senator Diaz de la Portilla moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 4, line 18, through page 5, line 21, delete those lines

and insert:

1. A member of the general public who is not a registered lobbyist and who is not being paid to appear before the committee on the issue he or she is addressing.

2. A minor, if the chair of the committee determines the minor understands the duty to tell the truth or the duty not to lie.

(c) The chair or any other member of the committee shall administer the oath or affirmation required under paragraph (a).

(2)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), whoever makes a false statement, which he or she does not believe to be true, under the oath or affirmation required by this section in regard to any material matter, commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.

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1 775.083, or s. 775.084.

2 (b) Whoever is compelled by subpoena as a witness  
3 before a committee under s. 11.143(3) and who makes a false  
4 statement, which he or she does not believe to be true, under  
5 the oath or affirmation required by this section in regard to  
6 any material matter, commits a felony of the second degree,  
7 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
8 775.084.

9 (3) In lieu of the oral oath or affirmation required  
10 by this section, the Senate or the House of Representatives  
11 may by the rules of each respective house require any person,  
12 as prescribed in subsection (1), who addresses a committee to  
13 complete and sign an appearance form. The form must be signed  
14 before the person addresses the committee. Signing the form  
15 constitutes a written affirmation to speak the truth, the  
16 whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and subjects the  
17 person to the penalties as provided in this section. The form  
18 must include a statement notifying the person that signing the  
19 form constitutes an affirmation and notifying the person of  
20 the penalty provisions. The rules shall provide for a  
21 legislator and legislative staff to sign a card complying with  
22 this section at the start of each regular or special session  
23 of the Legislature covering the duration of the session.

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