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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to exemption from legislative lobbying  
 3           requirements; amending s. 11.045, F.S.; redefining the  
 4           term "expenditure"; specifying that the term does not  
 5           include the use of a public facility or public  
 6           property that is made available by one governmental  
 7           entity to another governmental entity for a public  
 8           purpose, to exempt such government-to-government use  
 9           from legislative lobbying requirements; providing an  
 10          effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
 15           11.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16           11.045 Lobbying before the Legislature; registration and  
 17           reporting; exemptions; penalties.—

18           (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
 19           requires:

20           (d) "Expenditure" means a payment, distribution, loan,  
 21           advance, reimbursement, deposit, or anything of value made by a  
 22           lobbyist or principal for the purpose of lobbying. The term  
 23           "expenditure" does not include:

24           1. Contributions or expenditures reported pursuant to  
 25           chapter 106 or federal election law, campaign-related personal  
 26           services provided without compensation by individuals  
 27           volunteering their time, any other contribution or expenditure  
 28           made by or to a political party or affiliated party committee,

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29 | or any other contribution or expenditure made by an organization  
30 | that is exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. s. 527 or s.  
31 | 501(c)(4).

32 |       2. A government-to-government use, which is the use of a  
33 | public facility or public property that is made available by one  
34 | governmental entity to another governmental entity for a public  
35 | purpose, regardless of whether either is required to register  
36 | any person as a lobbyist pursuant to this section.

37 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.