

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senator Braynon

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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.; revising the
4 term "expenditure" to exclude the use of a public
5 facility or public property that is made available by
6 a governmental entity to a legislator for a public
7 purpose, to exempt such use from legislative lobbying
8 requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
13 11.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 11.045 Lobbying before the Legislature; registration and
15 reporting; exemptions; penalties.—

16 (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
17 requires:

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

22 1. Contributions or expenditures reported pursuant to
23 chapter 106 or federal election law, campaign-related personal
24 services provided without compensation by individuals
25 volunteering their time, any other contribution or expenditure
26 made by or to a political party or affiliated party committee,
27 or any other contribution or expenditure made by an organization
28 that is exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. s. 527 or s.
29 501(c)(4).

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

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.