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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Latvala) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**
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4 Delete lines 404 - 624
5 and insert:
6 Section 8. Section 112.3261, Florida Statutes, is created
7 to read:
8 112.3261 Lobbying before governmental entities;



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9 registration and reporting.-

10 (1) As used in this section, the term:

11 (a) "Governmental entity" means a water management
12 district, a hospital district, a children's services district,
13 an expressway authority as the term "authority" is defined in s.
14 348.0002, a port authority as the term is defined in s. 315.02,
15 or an independent special district with annual revenues of more
16 than \$5 million, which exercises ad valorem taxing authority.

17 (b) "Principal" has the same meaning as in s. 112.3215.

18 (2) A person may not lobby a governmental entity until such
19 person has registered as a lobbyist with that entity. Such
20 registration shall be due upon initially being retained to lobby
21 and is renewable on a calendar-year basis thereafter. Upon
22 registration, the person shall provide a statement signed by the
23 principal or principal's representative stating that the
24 registrant is authorized to represent the principal. The
25 principal shall also identify and designate its main business on
26 the statement authorizing that lobbyist pursuant to a
27 classification system approved by the governmental entity. Any
28 changes to the information required by this section must be
29 disclosed within 15 days by filing a new registration form. The
30 registration form shall require each lobbyist to disclose, under
31 oath, the following:

32 (a) The lobbyist's name and business address.

33 (b) The name and business address of each principal
34 represented.

35 (c) The existence of any direct or indirect business
36 association, partnership, or financial relationship with any
37 officer or employee of a governmental entity with which he or



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38 she lobbies or intends to lobby.

39 (d) In lieu of creating its own lobbyist registration
40 forms, a governmental entity may accept a completed legislative
41 branch or executive branch lobbyist registration form.

42 (3) A governmental entity shall make lobbyist registrations
43 available to the public. If a governmental entity maintains a
44 website, a database of currently registered lobbyists and
45 principals must be available on the entity's website.

46 (4) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to
47 the governmental entity cancelling the registration for a
48 principal upon termination of the lobbyist's representation of
49 that principal. A governmental entity may remove the name of a
50 lobbyist from the list of registered lobbyists if the principal
51 notifies the entity that a person is no longer authorized to
52 represent that principal.

53 (5) A governmental entity may establish an annual lobbyist
54 registration fee, not to exceed \$40, for each principal
55 represented. The governmental entity may use the moneys
56 collected only to administer the provisions of this section.

57 (6) A governmental entity shall be diligent to ascertain
58 whether persons required to register pursuant to this section
59 have complied. A governmental entity may not knowingly authorize
60 a person who is not registered pursuant to this section to lobby
61 the entity.

62 (7) Upon discovery of a violation of this section, a
63 governmental entity or any person may file a sworn complaint
64 with the commission.

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67 And the title is amended as follows:

68 Delete lines 58 - 75

69 and insert:

70 from lobbying a governmental entity until registering;
71 establishing registration requirements; requiring
72 public availability of lobbyist registrations;
73 establishing procedures for termination of a
74 lobbyist's registration; authorizing a governmental
75 entity to establish a registration fee; requiring a
76 governmental entity to monitor compliance with
77 registration requirements; authorizing a governmental
78 entity or person to file a complaint with the
79 commission; amending s. 288.901, F.S.; specifying