

By Senator Braynon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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30 501(c)(4).

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

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.