

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state ethics reform; repealing s.  
3           11.061, F.S., relating to state, state university, and  
4           community college employee lobbyists; amending s.  
5           112.313, F.S.; revising applicability of certain  
6           provisions relating to contractual relationships;  
7           prohibiting public officers or employees of an agency  
8           from soliciting specified employment or contractual  
9           relationships; providing an exception; requiring  
10          certain offers and solicitations of employment or  
11          contractual relationships to be disclosed to certain  
12          persons; requiring such solicitations to be disclosed  
13          to the Commission on Ethics in certain circumstances;  
14          authorizing the commission to investigate such  
15          disclosures; prohibiting specified persons from  
16          certain compensated representation for a specified  
17          period following vacation of office; deleting  
18          provisions prohibiting former legislators from acting  
19          as lobbyists before certain entities and persons for a  
20          specified period following vacation of office;  
21          providing applicability; creating s. 112.3181, F.S.;  
22          prohibiting statewide elected officers and legislators  
23          from soliciting employment offers or investment advice  
24          arising out of official or political activities;  
25          providing exceptions; prohibiting such officers or

26 | legislators from soliciting or accepting investment  
27 | advice from or soliciting or entering into certain  
28 | profitmaking relationships with lobbyists or  
29 | principals; providing definitions; requiring lobbyists  
30 | and principals to disclose certain prohibited  
31 | solicitations to the commission; authorizing the  
32 | commission to investigate such disclosures; providing  
33 | disclosure requirements; requiring the commission to  
34 | publish disclosures on its website; authorizing the  
35 | commission to adopt disclosure forms and rules;  
36 | amending s. 112.3185, F.S.; revising and providing  
37 | definitions; prohibiting certain officers and  
38 | employees from soliciting employment or contractual  
39 | relationships from or negotiating employment or  
40 | contractual relationships with certain employers;  
41 | providing exceptions; requiring disclosure of certain  
42 | offers of employment or contractual relationships;  
43 | providing construction; amending s. 112.3215, F.S.;  
44 | revising and providing definitions; requiring  
45 | lobbyists to electronically register with the  
46 | commission; revising lobbyist registration,  
47 | compensation report, principal designation  
48 | cancellation, and investigation requirements;  
49 | authorizing the commission to dismiss certain  
50 | complaints and investigations; amending s. 420.5061,

51 F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the  
 52 act; providing an effective date.

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

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56 Section 1. Section 11.061, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

57 Section 2. Subsection (7), paragraph (a) of subsection  
 58 (9), and subsection (15) of section 112.313, Florida Statutes,  
 59 are amended to read:

60 112.313 Standards of conduct for public officers,  
 61 employees of agencies, and local government attorneys.—

62 (7) CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT OR CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP.—

63 (a) A ~~No~~ public officer or employee of an agency may not  
 64 ~~shall~~ have or hold any employment or contractual relationship  
 65 with any business entity or any agency that ~~which~~ is subject to  
 66 the regulation of, or is doing business with, an agency of which  
 67 he or she is an officer or employee, excluding those  
 68 organizations and their officers who, when acting in their  
 69 official capacity, enter into or negotiate a collective  
 70 bargaining contract with the state or any municipality, county,  
 71 or other political subdivision of the state. Such; ~~nor shall an~~  
 72 officer or employee also may not ~~of an agency~~ have or hold any  
 73 employment or contractual relationship that will create a  
 74 continuing or frequently recurring conflict between his or her  
 75 private interests and the performance of his or her public

76 | duties or that would impede the full and faithful discharge of  
 77 | his or her public duties.

78 |       1. When the agency referred to is a ~~that certain kind of~~  
 79 | special tax district created by general or special law and is  
 80 | limited specifically to constructing, maintaining, managing, and  
 81 | financing improvements in the land area over which the agency  
 82 | has jurisdiction, or when the agency has been organized under  
 83 | ~~pursuant to~~ chapter 298, ~~then~~ employment with, or entering into  
 84 | a contractual relationship with, such a business entity by a  
 85 | public officer or employee of such an agency is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~  
 86 | prohibited by this subsection or ~~be~~ deemed a conflict ~~per se~~.  
 87 | However, conduct by such officer or employee that is prohibited  
 88 | by, or otherwise frustrates the intent of, this section is ~~shall~~  
 89 | ~~be deemed~~ a conflict of interest in violation of the standards  
 90 | of conduct set forth by this section.

91 |       2. When the agency referred to is a legislative body and  
 92 | the regulatory power over the business entity resides in another  
 93 | agency, or when the regulatory power that ~~which~~ the legislative  
 94 | body exercises over the business entity or agency is strictly  
 95 | through the enactment of laws or ordinances, ~~then~~ employment  
 96 | with, or entering into a contractual relationship with, such a  
 97 | business entity by a public officer or employee of such a  
 98 | legislative body is ~~shall~~ not ~~be~~ prohibited by this subsection  
 99 | or ~~be~~ deemed a conflict based on the regulatory power of the  
 100 | legislative body, unless prohibited or deemed a conflict by

101 another law.

102 (b) This subsection does ~~shall~~ not prohibit a public  
 103 officer or employee from practicing in a particular profession  
 104 or occupation when such practice by persons holding such public  
 105 office or employment is required or permitted by law or  
 106 ordinance.

107 (c)1. A public officer or employee of an agency may not  
 108 solicit any employment or contractual relationship prohibited by  
 109 this subsection, except as expressly permitted in s. 112.3185.

110 2. If a public officer or employee of an agency, or a  
 111 person acting on his or her behalf, violates subparagraph 1.,  
 112 the solicited business entity or agency must disclose such  
 113 solicitation to the head of the officer's or employee's agency.  
 114 If such solicitation is by or on behalf of the head of the  
 115 agency or a member of a body that is the head of the agency, the  
 116 solicited business entity or agency must disclose such  
 117 solicitation to the commission. The commission may investigate  
 118 such disclosure as if it were a valid complaint under this part.

119 (d) A public officer or employee of an agency must  
 120 disclose to the head of his or her agency, the general counsel  
 121 or inspector general of his or her agency, or any other officer  
 122 or attorney designated by the head of his or her agency any  
 123 offer of employment or contractual relationship that is  
 124 prohibited by this subsection.

125 (9) POSTEMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS; STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR

126 | LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES.—

127 |       (a)1. It is the intent of the Legislature to implement by  
 128 | statute the provisions of s. 8(e), Art. II of the State  
 129 | Constitution relating to legislators, statewide elected  
 130 | officers, appointed state officers, and designated public  
 131 | employees.

132 |       2. As used in this paragraph:

133 |       a. "Employee" means:

134 |       (I) Any person employed in the executive or legislative  
 135 | branch of government holding a position in the Senior Management  
 136 | Service as defined in s. 110.402 or any person holding a  
 137 | position in the Selected Exempt Service as defined in s. 110.602  
 138 | or any person having authority over policy or procurement  
 139 | employed by the Department of the Lottery.

140 |       (II) The Auditor General, the director of the Office of  
 141 | Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability, the  
 142 | Sergeant at Arms and Secretary of the Senate, and the Sergeant  
 143 | at Arms and Clerk of the House of Representatives.

144 |       (III) The executive director and deputy executive director  
 145 | of the Commission on Ethics.

146 |       (IV) An executive director, staff director, or deputy  
 147 | staff director of each joint committee, standing committee, or  
 148 | select committee of the Legislature; an executive director,  
 149 | staff director, executive assistant, analyst, or attorney of the  
 150 | Office of the President of the Senate, the Office of the Speaker

151 of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Party  
 152 Office, Senate Minority Party Office, House Majority Party  
 153 Office, or House Minority Party Office; or any person, hired on  
 154 a contractual basis, having the power normally conferred upon  
 155 such persons, by whatever title.

156 (V) The Chancellor and Vice Chancellors of the State  
 157 University System; the general counsel to the Board of Governors  
 158 of the State University System; and the president, provost, vice  
 159 presidents, and deans of each state university.

160 (VI) Any person, including an other-personal-services  
 161 employee, having the power normally conferred upon the positions  
 162 referenced in this sub-subparagraph.

163 b. "Appointed state officer" means any member of an  
 164 appointive board, commission, committee, council, or authority  
 165 of the executive or legislative branch of state government whose  
 166 powers, jurisdiction, and authority are not solely advisory and  
 167 include the final determination or adjudication of any personal  
 168 or property rights, duties, or obligations, other than those  
 169 relative to its internal operations.

170 c. "State agency" means an entity of the legislative,  
 171 executive, or judicial branch of state government over which the  
 172 Legislature exercises plenary budgetary and statutory control.

173 3.a. A ~~No~~ member of the Legislature, appointed state  
 174 officer, or statewide elected officer may not ~~shall~~ personally  
 175 represent another person or entity for compensation before the

176 government body or agency of which the individual was an officer  
177 or member for a period of 2 years following vacation of office.  
178 A ~~No~~ member of the Legislature may not ~~shall~~ personally  
179 represent another person or entity for compensation during his  
180 or her term of office before any state agency other than  
181 judicial tribunals or in settlement negotiations after the  
182 filing of a lawsuit.

183 b. For a period of 2 years following vacation of office, a  
184 former member of the Legislature may not act as a lobbyist for  
185 compensation before an executive branch agency, agency official,  
186 or employee. The terms used in this sub-subparagraph have the  
187 same meanings as provided in s. 112.3215.

188 4. An agency employee, including an agency employee who  
189 was employed on July 1, 2001, in a Career Service System  
190 position that was transferred to the Selected Exempt Service  
191 System under chapter 2001-43, Laws of Florida, may not  
192 personally represent another person or entity for compensation  
193 before the agency with which he or she was employed for a period  
194 of 2 years following vacation of position, unless employed by  
195 and representing another state agency ~~of state government~~.

196 5. Any person violating this paragraph is ~~shall be~~ subject  
197 to the penalties provided in s. 112.317 and a civil penalty of  
198 an amount equal to the compensation which the person receives  
199 for the prohibited conduct.

200 ~~6. This paragraph is not applicable to:~~



201           ~~a. A person employed by the Legislature or other agency~~  
 202 ~~prior to July 1, 1989;~~

203           ~~b. A person who was employed by the Legislature or other~~  
 204 ~~agency on July 1, 1989, whether or not the person was a defined~~  
 205 ~~employee on July 1, 1989;~~

206           ~~c. A person who was a defined employee of the State~~  
 207 ~~University System or the Public Service Commission who held such~~  
 208 ~~employment on December 31, 1994;~~

209           ~~d. A person who has reached normal retirement age as~~  
 210 ~~defined in s. 121.021(29), and who has retired under the~~  
 211 ~~provisions of chapter 121 by July 1, 1991; or~~

212           ~~e. Any appointed state officer whose term of office began~~  
 213 ~~before January 1, 1995, unless reappointed to that office on or~~  
 214 ~~after January 1, 1995.~~

215           (15) (a) ADDITIONAL EXEMPTION.—~~An~~ ~~no~~ elected public officer  
 216 may not shall be held in violation of subsection (7) if the  
 217 officer maintains an employment relationship with an entity  
 218 which is currently a tax-exempt organization under s. 501(c) of  
 219 the Internal Revenue Code and which contracts with or otherwise  
 220 enters into a business relationship with the officer's agency  
 221 and:

222           1.(a) The officer's employment is not directly or  
 223 indirectly compensated as a result of such contract or business  
 224 relationship;

225           2.(b) The officer has in no way participated in the

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226 agency's decision to contract or to enter into the business  
227 relationship with his or her employer, whether by participating  
228 in discussion at the meeting, by communicating with officers or  
229 employees of the agency, or otherwise; and

230 3.(e) The officer abstains from voting on any matter which  
231 may come before the agency involving the officer's employer,  
232 publicly states to the assembly the nature of the officer's  
233 interest in the matter from which he or she is abstaining, and  
234 files a written memorandum as provided in s. 112.3143.

235 (b) This subsection does not apply to an elected public  
236 officer who begins his or her term of office on or after October  
237 1, 2021.

238 Section 3. Section 112.3181, Florida Statutes, is created  
239 to read:

240 112.3181 Additional standards for statewide elected  
241 officers and legislators.—

242 (1) A statewide elected officer or member of the  
243 Legislature may not solicit an employment offer or any  
244 investment advice arising out of official or political  
245 activities engaged in while he or she is an officer or  
246 legislator, or a candidate for such office, except in the  
247 following circumstances:

248 (a) The officer or legislator may solicit or accept future  
249 employment, including professional partnerships, in the last 180  
250 days of his or her term of office if he or she is ineligible to

251 run for reelection or has publicly announced, and filed a letter  
252 or other written notice with the qualifying officer with whom  
253 reelection qualification papers are filed, that he or she is not  
254 and does not intend to become a candidate for reelection.

255 (b) The officer or legislator may solicit or accept  
256 employment from any prospective employer in a profession or  
257 occupation in which he or she has formerly engaged, has been  
258 formally educated or trained, or is licensed unless such  
259 employment is prohibited by other general law.

260 (2) A statewide elected officer or member of the  
261 Legislature may not solicit or accept investment advice from or  
262 solicit or enter into an investment, joint venture, or other  
263 profitmaking relationship with a lobbyist or principal, as those  
264 terms are defined in s. 11.045 and s. 112.3215, respectively.  
265 However, the officer or legislator may buy or sell listed,  
266 publicly traded securities of a principal without the advice of  
267 a lobbyist or principal unless such action violates s. 112.313.  
268 For purposes of this section, the phrase "investment, joint  
269 venture, or other profitmaking relationship" does not include an  
270 employment relationship or any enterprise organized to employ or  
271 engage the personal services of individuals, including the  
272 officer or legislator. For purposes of this section, the terms  
273 "investment advice" and "profitmaking relationship" do not  
274 include a client relationship with a licensed investment broker,  
275 licensed investment advisor, or similarly licensed professional

276 to whom the officer or legislator pays ordinary and reasonable  
277 fees for services, regardless of such broker's, advisor's, or  
278 professional's status as a principal of a lobbyist or a  
279 nonlobbyist employee of such principal.

280 (3) A lobbyist or principal who receives a solicitation  
281 prohibited by this section, by or on behalf of a statewide  
282 elected officer or member of the Legislature, must disclose such  
283 solicitation to the commission. Any other person who receives  
284 such solicitation may disclose such solicitation to the  
285 commission. The commission may investigate any disclosure under  
286 this subsection as if it were a valid complaint under this part.

287 (4) (a) A statewide elected officer or member of the  
288 Legislature must file a written disclosure with the commission  
289 upon acceptance of the following:

290 1. New employment with or increased compensation from an  
291 entity that receives state funds directly by appropriation;

292 2. New employment with or increased compensation from an  
293 agency;

294 3. New employment with or increased compensation from a  
295 lobbyist, principal of a lobbyist, or lobbying firm; or

296 4. New employment, the offer of which arose out of  
297 official or political activities engaged in while he or she was  
298 a statewide elected officer, member of the Legislature, or  
299 candidate for such office.

300 (b) The disclosure must identify the applicable

301 subparagraph of paragraph (a) and the employer, position, salary  
 302 or other compensation, and effective date of employment or  
 303 increased compensation. Such disclosure must be filed within 30  
 304 days after he or she accepts the employment or increased  
 305 compensation or before the effective date of employment or  
 306 increased compensation, whichever date is earliest. With respect  
 307 to employment or increased compensation accepted or effective  
 308 between December 31, 2020, and July 1, 2021, the officer or  
 309 legislator must file such disclosure within 30 days after July  
 310 1, 2021. The commission shall publish such disclosures with the  
 311 officer's or legislator's full and public disclosure of  
 312 financial interests on its website. The commission may adopt  
 313 forms for disclosure and may adopt rules requiring electronic  
 314 submission of the disclosure required by this subsection.

315 Section 4. Subsection (7) of section 112.3185, Florida  
 316 Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (8), subsection (1) and  
 317 present subsection (8) are amended, and a new subsection (7) is  
 318 added to that section, to read:

319 112.3185 Additional standards for state officers and  
 320 agency employees.—

321 (1) For the purposes of this section:

322 (a) ~~(b)~~ "Agency" means any state officer, department,  
 323 board, commission, or council of the executive, legislative, or  
 324 judicial branch of state government and includes the Public  
 325 Service Commission.

326 (b) ~~(a)~~ "Contractual services" shall be defined as set  
327 forth in chapter 287.

328 (c) "Covered officer" means a state officer who is serving  
329 in a position that is not an elective position. The term does  
330 not include a person who is appointed to fill an unexpired term  
331 of an elective office.

332 (d) "Negotiate" or "negotiation" means a response to an  
333 offer or solicitation of offers of an employment or contractual  
334 relationship, including the submission of a resume, an  
335 application, or any other information demonstrating interest on  
336 the part of a prospective employee and interviewing or engaging  
337 in other communication intended to lead to an offer or  
338 acceptance of an employment or contractual relationship.

339 (e) "Reporting employee" means any agency employee who is  
340 a reporting individual or procurement employee, as those terms  
341 are defined in s. 112.3148.

342 (f) "Restricted employer," with respect to any state  
343 officer or agency employee, means any entity that does business  
344 with or is subject to regulation by an agency employing the  
345 covered officer or reporting employee and any person or entity  
346 from whom the covered officer or reporting employee may not  
347 solicit a gift under s. 112.3148(3).

348 (g) "Subject to regulation by an agency" means subject to  
349 regulation by agency action, as defined in s. 120.52(2) or its  
350 substantial equivalent. The term does not include regulatory

351 power exercised strictly through the enactment of general laws.

352 (7) A covered officer or reporting employee who is  
353 employed in such position on or after July 1, 2021, may not  
354 solicit an employment or contractual relationship from or  
355 negotiate an employment or contractual relationship with a  
356 restricted employer except as provided in this section.

357 (a) A covered officer or reporting employee may solicit a  
358 future employment or contractual relationship from or negotiate  
359 a future employment or contractual relationship with a  
360 restricted employer within 90 days before the expiration of the  
361 officer's term of office, if the officer does not seek  
362 reappointment, or within 90 days before the officer's or  
363 employee's termination or retirement date, if he or she provides  
364 notice of termination or retirement to the head of his or her  
365 agency, the general counsel or inspector general of his or her  
366 agency, or any other officer or attorney designated by the head  
367 of his or her agency.

368 (b) If a covered officer or reporting employee has been  
369 notified by his or her appointing authority or employing agency  
370 that he or she will be discharged from office or dismissed or  
371 terminated from employment, he or she may solicit a future  
372 employment or contractual relationship from or negotiate a  
373 future employment or contractual relationship with a restricted  
374 employer at any time after such notice but not sooner than 180  
375 days before his or her employment is scheduled to end.

376 (c) A covered officer or reporting employee must disclose  
377 to the head of his or her agency, the general counsel or  
378 inspector general of his or her agency, or any other officer or  
379 attorney designated by the head of his or her agency any offer  
380 of an employment or contractual relationship from a restricted  
381 employer. After such disclosure, a covered officer or reporting  
382 employee may negotiate an employment or contractual relationship  
383 with the restricted employer if expressly authorized by the head  
384 of his or her agency or the agency head's authorized designee.  
385 Permission may be withheld only if the agency head or his or her  
386 authorized designee determines such negotiation poses an actual  
387 or potential conflict with the interests of the state or the  
388 agency.

389 (d) This subsection does not authorize the solicitation of  
390 an employment or contractual relationship otherwise prohibited  
391 by general law.

392 (9)-(8) Subsections (1)-(6) of this section only apply ~~is~~  
393 ~~not applicable~~ to an any employee of the Public Service  
394 Commission who is ~~was se~~ employed on or after July 1, 2021  
395 ~~before December 31, 1994.~~

396 Section 5. Paragraphs (a), (f), and (h) of subsection (1),  
397 subsection (3), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), and subsections  
398 (7) and (8) of section 112.3215, Florida Statutes, are amended,  
399 and subsection (15) of that section is reenacted, to read:

400 112.3215 Lobbying before the executive branch or the



401 Constitution Revision Commission; registration and reporting;  
 402 investigation by commission.—

403 (1) For the purposes of this section:

404 (a) "Agency" means the Governor; ~~the~~ Governor and  
 405 Cabinet; ~~or~~ any department, division, bureau, board,  
 406 commission, or authority of the executive branch; the State  
 407 Board of Education; the Board of Governors of the State  
 408 University System; or. ~~In addition, "agency" shall mean the~~  
 409 Constitution Revision Commission as provided by s. 2, Art. XI of  
 410 the State Constitution.

411 (f) "Lobbying" ~~"Lobbies"~~ means seeking, on behalf of  
 412 another person, to influence an agency with respect to a  
 413 decision of the agency in the area of policy or procurement or  
 414 an attempt to obtain the goodwill of an agency official or  
 415 employee. "Lobbying" ~~"Lobbies"~~ also means influencing or  
 416 attempting to influence, on behalf of another, the Constitution  
 417 Revision Commission's action or nonaction through oral or  
 418 written communication or an attempt to obtain the goodwill of a  
 419 member or employee of the Constitution Revision Commission.

420 (h) "Lobbyist" means a person who is employed and receives  
 421 payment, or who contracts for economic consideration, for the  
 422 purpose of lobbying, or a person who is principally employed for  
 423 governmental affairs by another person or governmental entity to  
 424 lobby on behalf of that other person or governmental entity. The  
 425 phrase "principally employed for governmental affairs" means

426 that one of the principal or most significant responsibilities  
427 of the employee to the employer is overseeing the employer's  
428 various relationships with government or representing the  
429 employer in its contacts with government. "Lobbyist" does not  
430 include a person who is:

431 1. An attorney, or any person, who represents a client in  
432 a judicial proceeding or in a formal administrative proceeding  
433 conducted under ~~pursuant to~~ chapter 120 or any other formal  
434 hearing before an agency, board, commission, or authority of  
435 this state.

436 2. An officer or employee of an agency, ~~or of~~ a  
437 legislative or judicial branch entity, or a political  
438 subdivision of this state acting in the normal course of his or  
439 her office or duties.

440 3. A confidential informant who is providing, or wishes to  
441 provide, confidential information to be used for law enforcement  
442 purposes.

443 4. A person who seeks lobbies to procure a contract under  
444 ~~pursuant to~~ chapter 287 which contract is less than the  
445 threshold for CATEGORY ONE as provided in s. 287.017.

446 (3) A person may not lobby an agency until such person has  
447 electronically registered as a lobbyist with the commission.  
448 Such registration shall be due upon initially being retained to  
449 lobby and is renewable on a calendar year basis thereafter. The  
450 commission shall request authorization from the principal with

451 the principal's name, business address, e-mail address, and  
452 telephone number to confirm that the registrant is authorized to  
453 represent the principal ~~Upon registration the person shall~~  
454 ~~provide a statement signed by the principal or principal's~~  
455 ~~representative that the registrant is authorized to represent~~  
456 ~~the principal.~~ The principal or principal's representative shall  
457 also identify and designate its main business pursuant to the  
458 North American Industry Classification System six-digit  
459 numerical code that most accurately describes the principal's  
460 main business. Registration is not complete until the commission  
461 receives the principal's authorization and the registration fee  
462 ~~on the statement authorizing that lobbyist pursuant to a~~  
463 ~~classification system approved by the commission.~~ The  
464 registration must shall require each lobbyist to attest to  
465 ~~disclose, under oath,~~ the following information:

466 (a) His or her full legal name, e-mail address, telephone  
467 number, Name and business address;

468 (b) The name, business address, and telephone number of  
469 the lobbying firm on behalf of which the registrant is  
470 representing the principal, if any;

471 (c) ~~(b)~~ The full name, e-mail address, telephone number,  
472 and business address of each principal represented;

473 ~~(c) His or her area of interest;~~

474 (d) The agencies before which he or she will appear; and

475 (e) The existence of any direct or indirect business

476 association, partnership, or financial relationship with any  
477 employee of an agency with which he or she lobbies, or intends  
478 to lobby, as disclosed in the registration.

479 (5)(a)1. Each lobbying firm shall file a compensation  
480 report with the commission for each calendar quarter during any  
481 portion of which one or more of the firm's lobbyists were  
482 registered to represent a principal. The report shall include  
483 the:

484 a. Full name, e-mail address, business address, and  
485 telephone number of the lobbying firm;

486 b. Name of each of the firm's lobbyists; and

487 c. Total compensation provided or owed to the lobbying  
488 firm from all principals for the reporting period, reported in  
489 one of the following categories: \$0; \$1 to \$49,999; \$50,000 to  
490 \$99,999; \$100,000 to \$249,999; \$250,000 to \$499,999; \$500,000 to  
491 \$999,999; \$1 million or more.

492 2. For each principal represented by one or more of the  
493 firm's lobbyists, the lobbying firm's compensation report shall  
494 also include the:

495 a. Full name, e-mail address, business address, and  
496 telephone number of the principal; and

497 b. Total compensation provided or owed to the lobbying  
498 firm for the reporting period, reported in one of the following  
499 categories: \$0; \$1 to \$9,999; \$10,000 to \$19,999; \$20,000 to  
500 \$29,999; \$30,000 to \$39,999; \$40,000 to \$49,999; or \$50,000 or

501 more. If the category "\$50,000 or more" is selected, the  
502 specific dollar amount of compensation must be reported, rounded  
503 up or down to the nearest \$1,000.

504 3. If the lobbying firm subcontracts work from another  
505 lobbying firm and not from the original principal:

506 a. The lobbying firm providing the work to be  
507 subcontracted shall be treated as the reporting lobbying firm's  
508 principal for reporting purposes under this paragraph; and

509 b. The reporting lobbying firm shall, for each lobbying  
510 firm identified under subparagraph 2., identify the name and  
511 address of the principal originating the lobbying work.

512 4. The senior partner, officer, or owner of the lobbying  
513 firm shall certify to the veracity and completeness of the  
514 information submitted under ~~pursuant to~~ this paragraph.

515 (7) A lobbyist shall promptly send a written statement to  
516 the commission canceling the designation of ~~registration for~~ a  
517 principal in his or her registration upon termination of such  
518 ~~the lobbyist's representation of that principal. The commission~~  
519 may cancel a lobbyist's designation of a principal upon the  
520 principal's notification that the lobbyist is no longer  
521 authorized to represent the principal ~~Notwithstanding this~~  
522 ~~requirement, the commission may remove the name of a lobbyist~~  
523 ~~from the list of registered lobbyists if the principal notifies~~  
524 ~~the office that a person is no longer authorized to represent~~  
525 ~~that principal.~~

526 (8) (a) The commission shall investigate every sworn  
 527 complaint that is filed with it alleging that a person covered  
 528 by this section has failed to register, has failed to submit a  
 529 compensation report, has made a prohibited expenditure, or has  
 530 knowingly submitted false information in any report or  
 531 registration required in this section.

532 (b) All proceedings, the complaint, and other records  
 533 relating to the investigation are confidential and exempt from  
 534 the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
 535 Constitution, and any meetings held pursuant to an investigation  
 536 are exempt from the provisions of s. 286.011(1) and s. 24(b),  
 537 Art. I of the State Constitution either until the alleged  
 538 violator requests in writing that such investigation and  
 539 associated records and meetings be made public or until the  
 540 commission determines, based on the investigation, whether  
 541 probable cause exists to believe that a violation has occurred.

542 (c) The commission shall investigate any lobbying firm,  
 543 lobbyist, principal, agency, officer, or employee upon receipt  
 544 of information from a sworn complaint or from a random audit of  
 545 lobbying reports indicating that the individual or entity has  
 546 intentionally failed to disclose any material fact or has  
 547 knowingly submitted false information in any report required by  
 548 this section or by rules adopted pursuant to this section a  
 549 ~~possible violation other than a late-filed report.~~

550 (d) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a)-(c), the commission may

551 dismiss any complaint or investigation resulting from a random  
552 audit of lobbying reports, at any state of disposition, if it  
553 determines that the public interest is not served by proceeding  
554 further, in which case the commission shall issue a public  
555 report stating with particularity its reasons for the dismissal.

556 (e)~~(d)~~1. Records relating to an audit conducted under  
557 ~~pursuant to~~ this section or an investigation conducted under  
558 ~~pursuant to~~ this section or s. 112.32155 are confidential and  
559 exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State  
560 Constitution.

561 2. Any portion of a meeting wherein such investigation or  
562 audit is discussed is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art.  
563 I of the State Constitution.

564 3. The exemptions no longer apply if the lobbying firm  
565 requests in writing that such investigation and associated  
566 records and meetings be made public or the commission determines  
567 there is probable cause that the audit reflects a violation of  
568 the reporting laws.

569 (15) The commission shall adopt rules to administer this  
570 section, which shall prescribe forms for registration and  
571 compensation reports, procedures for registration, and  
572 procedures that will prevent disclosure of information that is  
573 confidential as provided in this section.

574 Section 6. Section 420.5061, Florida Statutes, is amended  
575 to read:

576           420.5061 Transfer of agency assets and liabilities.—The  
577 corporation is the legal successor in all respects to the  
578 agency, is obligated to the same extent as the agency under any  
579 agreements existing on December 31, 1997, and is entitled to any  
580 rights and remedies previously afforded the agency by law or  
581 contract, including specifically the rights of the agency under  
582 chapter 201 and part VI of chapter 159. Effective January 1,  
583 1998, all references under Florida law to the agency are deemed  
584 to mean the corporation. The corporation shall transfer to the  
585 General Revenue Fund an amount which otherwise would have been  
586 deducted as a service charge pursuant to s. 215.20(1) if the  
587 Florida Housing Finance Corporation Fund established by s.  
588 420.508(5), the State Apartment Incentive Loan Fund established  
589 by s. 420.5087(7), the Florida Homeownership Assistance Fund  
590 established by s. 420.5088(4), the HOME Investment Partnership  
591 Fund established by s. 420.5089(1), and the Housing  
592 Predevelopment Loan Fund established by s. 420.525(1) were each  
593 trust funds. For purposes of s. 112.313, the corporation is  
594 deemed to be a continuation of the agency, and the provisions  
595 thereof are deemed to apply as if the same entity remained in  
596 place. ~~Any employees of the agency and agency board members~~  
597 ~~covered by s. 112.313(9)(a)6. shall continue to be entitled to~~  
598 ~~the exemption in that subparagraph, notwithstanding being hired~~  
599 ~~by the corporation or appointed as board members of the~~  
600 ~~corporation.~~



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601           Section 7.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.