

House Bill 1242

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 23rd, Sheldon of the 105th, Rogers of the 26th, England of the 108th, Meadows of the 5th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 21-5-73 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 lobbyist disclosure reports, so as to require the disclosure of certain lobbyist expenditures
3 regarding members of the State Transportation Board; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 2 of
4 Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the State Transportation
5 Board, so as to provide that certain provisions regarding financial disclosures shall be
6 applicable to members of such board; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 21-5-73 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to lobbyist
11 disclosure reports, is amended by revising subsection (e) as follows:

12 "(e) For purposes of this subsection 'board member' means a member of the State
13 Transportation Board. Reports filed by lobbyists shall be verified and shall include:

14 (1) A description of all expenditures, as defined in Code Section 21-5-70, or the value
15 thereof made by the lobbyist or employees of the lobbyist on behalf or for the benefit of
16 a public officer or a board member. The description of each reported expenditure shall
17 include:

18 (A) The name and title of the public officer or board member or, if the expenditure is
19 simultaneously incurred for an identifiable group of public officers the individual
20 identification of whom would be impractical, a general description of that identifiable
21 group;

22 (B) The amount, date, and description of the expenditure and a summary of all
23 spending classified by category. Such categories shall include gifts, meals,
24 entertainment, lodging, equipment, advertising, travel, and postage;

25 (C) The provisions of Code Section 21-5-70 notwithstanding, aggregate expenditures
26 described in divisions (1)(E)(vii) and (1)(E)(x) of Code Section 21-5-70 incurred during

27 the reporting period; provided, however, expenses for travel and for food, beverage, and
 28 lodging in connection therewith afforded a public officer shall be reported in the same
 29 manner as under subparagraphs (A), (B), and (D) of this paragraph;

30 (D) If applicable, the number of the bill, resolution, ordinance, or regulation pending
 31 before the governmental entity in support of or opposition to which the expenditure was
 32 made; and

33 (E) If applicable, the rule or regulation number or description of the rule or regulation
 34 pending before the state agency in support of or opposition to which the expenditure
 35 was made;

36 (2) For those who are lobbyists within the meaning of subparagraph (G) of paragraph (5)
 37 of Code Section 21-5-70, the name of any vendor or vendors for which the lobbyist
 38 undertook to influence the awarding of a contract or contracts by any state agency
 39 together with a description of the contract or contracts and the monetary amount of the
 40 contract or contracts; and

41 (3) For those who are lobbyists within the meaning of subparagraph (H) of paragraph (5)
 42 of Code Section 21-5-70, the name of the individual or entity for which the lobbyist
 43 undertook to influence the rule or regulation of a state agency."

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SECTION 2.

45 Article 2 of Chapter 2 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
 46 State Transportation Board, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

47 "32-2-23.

48 Members of the board shall be subject to the provisions provided for in Article 3 of Chapter
 49 5 of Title 21, relating to financial disclosure statements and public officials conduct, in the
 50 same manner that such provisions are applicable to a public officer as defined pursuant to
 51 subparagraphs (A) through (E) of paragraph (22) of Code Section 21-5-3."

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SECTION 3.

53 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.