

Senate Bill 285

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to public officials' conduct and lobbyist disclosure, so as to revise the disclosure
3 requirements for lobbyists to include expenditures made to public employees; to provide for
4 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 4 of Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 public officials' conduct and lobbyist disclosure, is amended by revising subsection (e) of
10 Code Section 21-5-73, relating to lobbyist disclosure reports, as follows:

11 "(e) Reports filed by lobbyists shall be verified and shall include:

12 (1) A description of all expenditures, as defined in Code Section 21-5-70, or the value
13 thereof made ~~on behalf or for the benefit of a public officer~~ by the lobbyist or employees
14 of the lobbyist or by any person on whose behalf the lobbyist is registered if the lobbyist
15 has actual knowledge of such expenditure. The description of each reported expenditure
16 shall include:

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

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

24 (C) The provisions of Code Section 21-5-70 notwithstanding, aggregate expenditures
25 described in divisions (1)(E)(vii) and (1)(E)(x) of Code Section 21-5-70 incurred during
26 the reporting period; provided, however, that expenses for travel and for food,

27 beverage, and lodging in connection therewith afforded a public officer or public
28 employee shall be reported in the same manner as under subparagraphs (A), (B), and
29 (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."

44 **SECTION 2.**

45 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
46 without such approval.

47 **SECTION 3.**

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