

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3026

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; prohibiting state agencies from using appropriated money to employ or contract with a lobbyist; prohibiting state agencies from using appropriated money to pay membership dues of lobbyists; providing penalties; prohibiting political subdivisions from using state funds for certain payments; providing penalty; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4271 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A state agency shall not use appropriated money to employ, as a regular full-time or part-time or contract employee, a person who is required by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission to register as a lobbyist. A state agency shall not use any money under its control to employ or contract with an individual who is required by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission to register as a lobbyist.

1 B. A state agency shall not use appropriated money to pay, on
2 behalf of the agency or an officer or employee of the agency,
3 membership dues to an organization that pays part or all of the
4 salary of a person who is required by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission
5 to register as a lobbyist.

6 C. A state agency that violates subsection A of this section is
7 subject to a reduction of amounts appropriated for administration by
8 the General Appropriations Act for the following fiscal year in
9 which the violation occurs in an amount not to exceed One Hundred
10 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for each violation.

11 D. A state agency administering a statewide retirement plan may
12 enter into a contract to receive assistance or advice regarding the
13 qualified tax status of the plan or on other federal matters
14 affecting the administration of the state agency or its programs if
15 the contractor is not required by the Oklahoma Ethics Commission to
16 register as a lobbyist.

17 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4272 of Title 74, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. A political subdivision or private entity that receives
21 state funds shall not use the funds to pay:

- 22 1. Lobbying expenses incurred by the recipient of the funds;
- 23 2. A person or entity that is required to register with the
24 Oklahoma Ethics Commission;

1 3. Any partner, employee, employer, relative, contractor,
2 consultant, or related entity of a person or entity described by
3 paragraph 2 of this section; or

4 4. A person or entity that has been hired to represent
5 associations or other entities for the purpose of affecting the
6 outcome of legislation, agency rules, ordinances, or other
7 government policies.

8 B. A political subdivision or private entity that violates
9 subsection A of this section is not eligible to receive additional
10 state funds.

11 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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