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HOUSE BILL No. 2775

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning governmental ethics; requiring the reporting of lob-1011bying expenses by municipalities. 12 13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: Section 1. (a) Every municipality, as defined by K.S.A. 75-6102, and 1415 amendments thereto, which engages in lobbying, as defined in K.S.A. 1646-225, and amendments thereto, shall report information on or before January 31 of each year listing all salaries, fees, retainers and reim-1718bursement of expenses paid by such governmental entity to engage in 19lobbying and the name of the person or firm to whom such moneys were 20paid in the preceding calendar year. The report shall be made on forms 21prescribed and provided by the governmental ethics commission and shall 22be filed with the secretary of state. 23 Governmental expenditures, including dues, paid to associations, 24 groups or organizations that promote, oppose or monitor the passage of 25legislation or regulations, employ lobbyists or contract with lobbyists 26pursuant to K.S.A. 46-215, and amendments thereto, shall be con-27sidered lobbying expenses and shall be reported. However, if the asso-28ciation or recipient organization itemizes the governmental entity's pay-29 ment and identifies the lobbying portion of income acceptable to the 30 governmental ethics commission, the itemized amount shall be submitted 31 to fulfill the reporting requirements. A payment for non-lobbying related 32 goods and services to firms that may engage in lobbying is not considered 33 a reportable lobbying expense. 34 The total amount of annual remuneration, including, but not limited 35 to; salary, benefits and expenses of any person employed by a municipality 36 as defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto, and compensated 37 in whole or in part by public moneys whose duties entail promoting, 38 opposing or monitoring the passage of legislation or regulations and pro-39 vided the individual's lobbying duties on state-owned or leased prop-40 erty exceed more than 40 hours in any one calendar year shall be 41reportable. 42Remunerations to persons whose activities are limited to appearances 43 to give testimony or provide information or assistance at the request of a 1 legislator or legislative committee are exempt from the reporting 2 requirement.

3 (b) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the state gov-4 ernmental ethics law.

5 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its $% \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = 0$

6 publication in the statute book.