

## S.F. No. 2121 – Lobbyist and Principal Reporting Modifications

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**S.F. 2121** makes modifications to the lobbyist and principal reporting requirements.

**Section 1 [Designated lobbyist]** defines “designated lobbyist” as a lobbyist responsible for reporting lobbying disbursements and activities of the entity represented by the lobbyist.

**Section 2 [General lobbying category]** defines “general lobbying category” as an area of interest that a lobbyist is lobbying on for an entity. The Board maintains a list of categories.

**Section 3 [Legislative action]** defines “legislative action” as specified activities that are part of the legislative process.

**Section 4 [Lobbyist]** amends the definition of “lobbyist” by increasing the spending threshold from \$250 to \$3000 and specifies that it is the individual’s personal funds.

**Section 5 [Official action of metropolitan governmental units]** defines “official action of metropolitan governmental units” as certain activities performed by elected local officials or metropolitan governmental units.

**Section 6 [Specific subjects of interest]** defines “specific subjects of interest” as a particular topic of lobbying within a general lobbying category.

**Section 7 [Changes and corrections]** specifies that when the board requests that a lobbyist provide more detailed information about a specific subject of interest disclosed on a disbursement report, it is treated as a change or correction. This means that the additional information must be reported in a timely manner and there is a penalty for willfully failing to report the change or correction.

**Section 8 [Form]** amends the lobbyist registration form to include the lobbying categories that the lobbyist expects to lobby on behalf of a client.

**Section 9 [General lobbying categories and specific subjects of interest]** requires the Board to maintain a list of general lobbying categories and specific subjects of interest. The Board must publish the list on its website. The rulemaking provisions of chapter 14 do not apply to creating and updating this list.

**Section 10 [Information to a lobbyist]** amends the requirement about providing information to a lobbyist for purposes of reporting to refer to an entity or lobbyist instead of an employer or employee.

**Section 11 [Content]** amends the contents required in a lobbyist report. A lobbyist is required to report specific subjects of interest for an entity represented by the lobbyist and every state agency and metropolitan governmental unit that the lobbyist lobbied on behalf of an entity. A lobbyist must report general lobbying categories and up to four specific subjects of interest for each category on which the lobbyist lobbied during the reporting period. If the lobbyist lobbied on more than four specific subjects of interest in a category, the lobbyist and entity must determine the four that were the highest priority. The requirement to report on the lobbyist's total disbursements is stricken. This section is effective January 1, 2024.

**Section 12 [Principal reports]** amends the contents of a principal report. Requires principals to round to the nearest \$10,000 (instead of \$20,000) for amounts spent by the principal. Some portions of the section are reorganized. Modifies the types of expenses that must be reported. The principal must report disbursements made over \$2,000 for paid advertising urging the public to contact elected officials to influence official actions. This section is effective January 1, 2024.

**Section 13 [Reporting by multiple lobbyists representing the same entity]** specifies that an entity represented by multiple lobbyists may only have one designated lobbyist at a time.

**Section 14 [Repealer]** repeals a rule that defines terms related to reporting requirements that are stricken in the bill.