

HB 2149 -- Ethics

Sponsor: Harris (23)

This bill changes the laws regarding lobbying activities and campaign contributions. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Prohibits employees of the General Assembly or any elected statewide officer from receiving compensation for political campaign or party activities;
- (2) Prohibits appointed officials to offices requiring Senate consent from making contributions to or holding office in political parties or taking part in political campaigns;
- (3) Prohibits members of the General Assembly from receiving any single gift with a value of more than \$50 or gifts totaling \$100 in a single calendar year from a lobbyist or a lobbyist's principal;
- (4) Requires statewide elected officials to file a report when provided with private airplane service;
- (5) Prohibits lobbyists from paying for out-of-state travel for any member of the General Assembly;
- (6) Requires lobbyists to disclose new contract income, the amount of expenditures on individual members of the General Assembly even if the gifts were provided to a caucus, and gifts to the employees and certain relatives of public officials in the reports required under Section 105.473, RSMo;
- (7) Adds certain employees of the General Assembly to the list of those required to file financial interest statements under Section 105.483;
- (8) Prohibits legislative and senatorial district committees from contributing to candidates for any statewide office;
- (9) Limits contributions to legislative district committees to \$250 per person per year;
- (10) Limits contributions to senatorial district committees to \$500 per person per year;
- (11) Prohibits candidates for any statewide office from receiving contributions while the General Assembly is in session;
- (12) Standardizes contribution limits and disclosure report filing times;

(13) Establishes deadlines for filing disclosure reports required under Section 130.041; and

(14) Expands the crime of bribery, a class D felony, to include certain activities involving candidates for public office, members of political campaign committees, members of political party committees, and members of legislative caucuses.