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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3150)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to conflicts of interest, lobbying activities, and receipt of gifts by certain government officials and employees. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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Section 1. Section 68B.2A, Code 2007, is amended by adding 1 1 1 2 the following new subsection: 3 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 4. The board shall adopt rules pursuant 4 to chapter 17A further delineating particular situations where 1 1 5 outside employment or activity of officials and state 1 1 6 employees of the executive branch will be deemed to create an 7 unacceptable conflict of interest. 8 Sec. 2. Section 68B.5A, subsections 2 and 5, Code 2007, 1 1 8 1 9 are amended to read as follows: 1 10 2. The head of a major subunit of a department or 1 11 independent state agency whose position involves substantial 1 12 exercise of administrative discretion or the expenditure of <u>1 13 public funds</u>, <u>a</u> full=time employee of an office of a statewide 14 elected official whose position involves substantial exercise 15 of administrative discretion or the expenditure of public <u>1 16 funds</u>, or a legislative employee whose position involves a 1 17 substantial exercise of administrative discretion or the 1 18 expenditure of public funds, shall not, during the time in 1 19 which the person serves or is employed by the state, act as a 1 20 lobbyist before the agency in which the person is employed or 1 21 before state agencies, officials, or employees with whom the 1 22 person has substantial or regular contact as part of the 1 23 person's duties, unless the person is designated, by the 1 24 agency in which the person serves or is employed, to represent 1 25 the official position of the agency. 1 26 5. The head of a major subunit of a department or 1 27 independent state agency whose position involves substantial 28 exercise of administrative discretion or the expenditure of 29 public funds, a full=time employee of an office of a statewide 1 30 elected official whose position involves substantial exercise 1 31 of administrative discretion or the expenditure of public 1 32 funds, or a legislative employee whose position involves a 1 33 substantial exercise of administrative discretion or the 1 34 expenditure of public funds, shall not, within two years after 1 35 termination of employment, become a lobbyist before the agency 1 in which the person was employed or before state agencies or 2 2 2 officials or employees with whom the person had substantial 3 and regular contact as part of the person's former duties. 4 Sec. 3. Section 68B.22, subsection 4, Code Supplement 2 2 2 5 2007, is amended by adding the following new paragraph: 6 <u>NEW PARAGRAPH</u>. hh. Food and beverages provided at a meal 7 that is part of a bona fide event or program at which the 2 2 2 8 recipient is being honored for public service. 2 9 EXPLANATION 2 10 This bill relates to conflicts of interest, lobbying 2 11 activities, and receipt of gifts by certain government 2 12 officials and employees. 2 13 Code section 68B.2A(4) is amended to require the Iowa 2 14 ethics and campaign disclosure board to adopt administrative 2 15 rules further delineating particular situations where outside 2 16 employment or activity of officials and state employees of the 2 17 executive branch will be deemed to create an unacceptable 2 18 conflict of interest. 2 19 Code section 68B.5A(2) and (5) are amended to ban certain 2 20 lobbying activities by the head of a major subunit of a 2 21 department or independent state agency, or by a full=time 2 22 employee of an office of a statewide elected official, if such 2 3 person's position involves a substantial exercise of 2 4 administrative discretion or the expenditure of public funds. 2 5 Code section 68B.22(4) is amended to provide that food and 2 6 beverages provided at a meal that is part of a bona fide event 2 7 or program at which the recipient is being honored for public 2 8 service may be received by a public official, public employee, 2 9 candidate, or members of the immediate family of the public 2 30 official, public employee, or candidate. 2 31 LSB 5487SV 82 2 32 av/rj/5