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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting outside employment or activities requiring  
2 registration as a foreign agent and making penalties  
3 applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 68B.2C Prohibited outside  
2 employment and activities — agents of foreign principals.

3 Officials and state employees shall not engage in any  
4 outside employment or activity that requires the person to  
5 register under the federal Foreign Agents Registration Act, 22  
6 U.S.C. §611 et seq., as amended.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill prohibits officials and state employees from  
11 engaging in any outside employment or activity that requires  
12 the person to register under the federal Foreign Agents  
13 Registration Act.

14 An "official" is defined in Code section 68B.2 as all  
15 statewide elected officials, the executive or administrative  
16 head or heads of an agency of state government, the deputy  
17 executive or administrative head or heads of an agency of  
18 state government, members of boards or commissions as defined  
19 under Code section 7E.4, and heads of the major subunits of  
20 departments or independent state agencies whose positions  
21 involve a substantial exercise of administrative discretion  
22 or the expenditure of public funds as defined under rules  
23 of the board adopted in consultation with the department or  
24 agency and pursuant to Code chapter 17A. "Official" does  
25 not include officers or employees of political subdivisions  
26 of the state, members of the general assembly, legislative  
27 employees, officers or employees of the judicial branch of  
28 government who are not members or employees of the office of  
29 attorney general, members of state government entities which  
30 are or exercise the same type of authority that is exercised by  
31 councils or committees as defined under Code section 7E.4, or  
32 members of any agricultural commodity promotional board, if the  
33 board is subject to a producer referendum. A "state employee"  
34 is an employee of the executive branch and does not include  
35 independent contractors.

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1 A person who knowingly and intentionally violates this  
2 provision is guilty of a serious misdemeanor and may be  
3 reprimanded, suspended, or dismissed from the person's position  
4 or otherwise sanctioned. A serious misdemeanor is punishable  
5 by confinement for no more than one year and a fine of at least  
6 \$315 but not more than \$1,875.