

Senate Study Bill 1042 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON WEBSTER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting political subdivisions from using certain
2 moneys to hire lobbyists, and providing penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **68B.9 Lobbyist employment —**
2 **political subdivision restrictions.**

3 A political subdivision shall not use moneys received from the
4 imposition of a tax to employ or compensate a lobbyist.

5 Sec. 2. Section 68B.34, Code 2025, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 **68B.34 Additional penalty.**

8 In addition to any penalty contained in any other provision
9 of law, a person who knowingly and intentionally violates a
10 provision of sections 68B.2A through ~~68B.8~~ 68B.9, sections 68B.22
11 through 68B.24, or sections 68B.35 through 68B.38 is guilty
12 of a serious misdemeanor and may be reprimanded, suspended, or
13 dismissed from the person's position or otherwise sanctioned.

14 EXPLANATION

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

17 This bill prohibits a political subdivision from using moneys
18 received from the imposition of a tax to employ or compensate a
19 lobbyist.

20 When used in Code chapter 68B (government ethics and
21 lobbying), "lobbyist" means an individual who, by acting
22 directly, receives compensation to encourage the passage, defeat,
23 approval, veto, or modification of legislation, a rule, or an
24 executive order by the members of the general assembly, a state
25 agency, or any statewide elected official; is a designated
26 representative of an organization which has as one of its
27 purposes the encouragement of the passage, defeat, approval,
28 veto, or modification of legislation, a rule, or an executive
29 order before the general assembly, a state agency, or any
30 statewide elected official; represents the position of a federal,
31 state, or local government agency, in which the person serves
32 or is employed as the designated representative, for purposes of
33 encouraging the passage, defeat, approval, veto, or modification
34 of legislation, a rule, or an executive order by members of
35 the general assembly, a state agency, or any statewide elected

1 official; or makes expenditures of more than \$1,000 in a year,
2 other than to pay another lobbyist or to communicate with only
3 the members of the general assembly who represent the district
4 in which the individual resides, to communicate in person with
5 members of the general assembly, a state agency, or any statewide
6 elected official for purposes of encouraging the passage, defeat,
7 approval, veto, or modification of legislation, a rule, or an
8 executive order.

9 A person who knowingly and intentionally violates the bill is
10 guilty of a serious misdemeanor and if the person is a lobbyist,
11 the person may be reprimanded, suspended, or dismissed from the
12 person's position or otherwise sanctioned. A serious misdemeanor
13 is punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine
14 of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560.

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