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House Bill 3220

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A BILL to amend and reenact §6B-3-10 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to required disclosure of information from state agencies, municipalities, counties, or school districts that have contracted with a state agency for consulting services related to lobbying; and establishing an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. LOBBYISTS.

§6B-3-10. Provisions may be adopted by local governments; disclosure relating to lobbying activities.

(a) An incorporated municipality may enact lobbyist regulation provisions substantially similar to the provisions of this article which may be modified to the extent necessary to make the provisions relevant to that jurisdiction and which may be further modified to the extent deemed necessary and appropriate by and for that jurisdiction.

(b) Every state agency, municipality, county, and school district in the state that has contracted with an entity for consulting services beginning on July 1, 2022, shall disclose and itemize all lobbying activities, relating to the following:

(1) Contract details; including, the effective date of the contract, any applicable extension date, and length of the contract;

(2) Cost of the contract associated with lobbying services, including itemized expenses such as dinners or events;

(3) A copy of the contract used to hire a firm or individual for lobbying services; and

(4) Disclosure of interested parties for any contract for services that would require a person to register as a lobbyist.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require disclosure of information from state agencies, municipalities, counties, or county school districts that have contracted with an entity for consulting services related to lobbying.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.