

Section 1. (a) No public funds derived from state or local taxes, fees or charges shall be used by any public entity for the purpose of:

- (1) employing or contracting for the services of a lobbyist;
- (2) paying membership dues or providing any other type of financial support to an association that employs a lobbyist; or
- (3) paying membership dues or providing any other type of financial support to an association that has an affiliated organization that employs a lobbyist.

Nothing in this section shall prevent officers or employees of the state or a municipality or an association representing certain municipalities from directly communicating with the legislature in their official or unofficial capacity.

(b) No public funds derived from state or local taxes, fees or charges shall be expended by any public entity as a direct or indirect gift or campaign contribution to any elected official, officer or employee of the state or any municipality.

(c) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Financial support" means any type of monetary or non-monetary payment, contribution, gift, or like-kind exchange, regardless of whether the public entity receives a benefit in return for such payment, contribution, or like-kind exchange.

(2) "Gift" means a voluntary transfer of anything of value without consideration of equal or greater value, but does not include informational material transferred for the sole purpose of informing the recipient about matters pertaining to official state agency business;

(3) "lobbyist" means any person required to register as a lobbyist pursuant to K.S.A. 46-265, and amendments thereto;

(4) "public entity" shall have the meaning ascribed to "municipality" in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto; and

(5) "state" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.