

Section 1. (a) Every public entity shall file with the secretary of state a report of public funds used to hire or contract for the services of a lobbyist on a form and in the manner prescribed and provided by the governmental ethics commission. Each report required to be filed by this act is a public record and shall be open to public inspection upon request. A report shall be filed on or before the 10th day of January for the reporting period containing the preceding calendar year. Such report shall disclose the following:

(1) an itemized listing of all public funds used by any public entity for the purpose of:

(A) employing or contracting for the services of a lobbyist;

(B) paying membership dues or providing any other type of financial support to an association that employs a lobbyist;
or

(C) paying membership dues or providing any other type of financial support to an association that has an affiliated organization that employs a lobbyist; and

(2) the full name and address of each lobbyist that has received compensation or financial support, whether directly or indirectly, from the public entity during the reporting period;

(3) the full name and address of each individual, association or organization that has received membership dues or any other financial support from a public entity for the purposes described in subsection (a)(1) above.

(b) For any calendar year in which a public entity intends to expend no public funds for the purposes listed in section (a)(1), such public entity shall file an affidavit of such intent with the secretary of state. Such public entity shall not be required to file the reports required under subsection (a). However, if in any reporting period a public entity filing such affidavit expends any public funds for the purposes listed in section (a)(1), a report shall be filed for such period in the manner prescribed by subsection (a).

(c) No public funds 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.

(d) 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;

(5) "public funds" means any moneys derived from state or local taxes, fees, charges, or assessments; and

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