

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

### H 3200 General Bill, By Rose, Thigpen and Caskey

#### **Similar (H 5194)**

**Summary:** Public officials of local, county or municipal government

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "COVERED AGENCY ACTION", "LEGISLATION", "LOBBYING", "LOBBYIST", "PUBLIC BODY", "PUBLIC EMPLOYEE", AND "PUBLIC OFFICIAL", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF THESE TERMS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ALSO SHALL APPLY TO CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS OR LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PROPOSED, DRAFTED, DEVELOPED, CONSIDERED, OR PROMULGATED BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL, OR TO PERSONS WHO ARE EMPLOYED, APPOINTED, OR RETAINED, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BY ANOTHER PERSON TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN OFFICIAL ACTIONS BY DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, THE ACTION OR VOTE OF ANY MEMBER OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY, THE VOTE OF ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC MEMBER OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL, OR THE OFFICIAL ACTION OR VOTE OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE, INCLUDING MAYORS AND COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS OR MANAGERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT "PUBLIC BODY", "PUBLIC EMPLOYEE", AND "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" ALSO MEAN COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BODIES, EMPLOYEES, AND OFFICIALS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-30, RELATING TO LOBBYISTS' REPORTING OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES PERFORMED AT THE LOCAL, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-35, RELATING TO LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS' REPORTING OF LOBBYING EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO INCLUDE COSTS EXPENDED LOBBYING AT THE LOCAL, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-40, RELATING TO STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT REPORTS OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS ALSO ARE SUBJECT TO THIS REPORTING REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-45, RELATING TO REPORTS OF CERTAIN ENTITIES THAT RANK OR RATE ACTIONS, VOTES, OR FAILURES TO ACT OR VOTE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS, SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO ENTITIES THAT RANK OR RATE ACTIONS, VOTES, OR FAILURES TO ACT OR VOTE OF A MEMBER OR COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-80, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS, SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES TO ATTEND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL AUTHORITIES FOR AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-130, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS REGARDING LOBBYISTS AND LOBBYING, SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY AND TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCILS.

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