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H 4727 General Bill, By D.M. Beasley, J.M. Baxley, G.A. Brown, H. Brown, B. Council, J.G. Felder, P.B. Harris, B.L. Hendricks, Keegan, McCraw, M. McLeod, E.L. Nettles, Phillips, J. Rama, R. Smith, Townsend, J.B. Wilder, S.S. Wofford, D.A. Wright and Young-Brickell

A Bill to amend Section 2-17-10, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to definitions regarding lobbyists and lobbying, so as to delete the nominal value requirement of the education material exclusion from the "anything of value" definition if the material is not offered or provided with the intent to evade the restrictions of Chapter 17 of Title 2, and to limit the definition of "lobbyist's principal" to those branches and agencies of government to which a person has authorized a lobbyist to lobby; to amend Sections 2-17-20, as amended, and 2-17-25, relating to the requirement that lobbyists and lobbyist's principals register with the Secretary of State, so as to delete the requirement that a lobbyist present to the Secretary of State with his registration fee a communication reflecting the authority of the registrant to represent the person by whom he is employed, appointed, or retained and require lobbyists and lobbyist's principals to identify the public office or public body in which lobbyists will be authorized to engage in lobbying on behalf of the lobbyist's principal; to amend Section 2-17-45, relating to the requirement that an entity which ranks or rates the actions, vote, or failure to act or vote, of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, a member or committee of the General Assembly as to any action or failure to act or vote by these public officials file a report with the Secretary of State, so as to delete the requirement that the report contain each member of the entity who is a member of the General Assembly and each member of the entity who is a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal; to amend Section 2-17-60, as amended, relating to the duties of the Secretary of State under the provisions of Chapter 17 of Title 2, so as to authorize him to issue advisory opinions in all matters affecting this Chapter; to amend Sections 2-17-80, 2-17-90, and 2-17-110, relating to the prohibition against a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal soliciting, facilitating, or providing lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, beverage, money, or anything of value to certain public officials, and the prohibition against a lobbyist, a lobbyist's principal, or a person acting on behalf of a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal from offering, facilitating, or providing a loan to or on behalf of certain public officials, so as to delete the references to "facilitate" and "public employee"; to amend Section 2-17-150, relating to the statute of limitations on a violation of the provisions of Chapter 17 of Title 2, so as to authorize the Attorney General to have exclusive jurisdiction to prosecute violations under this Chapter; to amend Section 8-13-100, relating to definitions regarding ethics, government accountability, and campaign reform, so as to delete the nominal value requirement of the education material exclusion from the "anything of value" definition if the material is not offered or provided with the intent to evade the restrictions of Chapter 13 of Title 8; to amend Section 8-13-220, relating to the powers of the State Ethics Commission, so as to provide that advisory opinions of the Commission are binding on it in any subsequent charges concerning other persons who reasonably relied upon an advisory opinion in good faith; to amend Sections 2-17-100 and 8-13-715, relating to the prohibition against a public official, public member, or a public employee receiving anything of value for speaking before a public or private group while acting in an official capacity, so as to delete references to "public employee" and authorize these persons to have payments made on their behalf for actual expenses incurred for a speaking engagement; to amend Section 8-13-740, relating to the prohibition against a public official, public member, or public employee or certain persons with whom these persons are associated from knowingly representing another person before a governmental entity, so as to clarify the provisions that prohibit the public official, public member, or public employee of a county or municipality from knowingly representing a person before any agency unit or subunit of that county or municipality; and to amend Section 8-13-1312, relating to the prohibition against a candidate establishing more than one campaign checking account and one savings account, so as to authorize the candidate to establish more than one campaign savings account which must be reported pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-13-1360.

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