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H 1300. NO PRESSURING LOBBYISTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS. Filed 4/8/09. *TO PREVENT LEGISLATORS FROM PRESSURING REGISTERED LOBBYISTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS OF LEGISLATORS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIALS.*

Enacts new GS 163-278.13D to prohibit legislators (as defined in GS 120C-100), executive branch officials [as defined in GS 138A-3(30)a], candidate campaign committees (as defined in GS 163-278.38Z), and their real or purported agents from requesting, soliciting, or accepting contributions from registered lobbyists and to prohibit registered lobbyists from making or offering to make a contribution to or soliciting a contribution on behalf of a legislator, executive branch official, or candidate campaign committee. Violation of section is punishable only by a civil fine in accordance with GS 163-278.34. It is not a violation for a legislator or executive branch official to serve on a board or committee of an organization that makes a solicitation of a registered lobbyist as long as the legislator or executive branch official does not directly participate in the solicitation and does not directly benefit from the solicitation. Nor is it a violation for a registered lobbyist to advise the lobbyist's principal, a political committee that employs or contracts with, or whose parent entity employs or contracts, with the lobbyist or individual members of such political committees with respect to contributions to a legislator, executive branch official, or candidate campaign committee. Section does not apply to a lobbyist who files a notice of candidacy for office as a member of the General Assembly or to a constitutional officer who makes a contribution to such a lobbyist. Effective January 1, 2010.

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