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Short Title: Lobbyist Expenditure Rpts - Transparency. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cotham and Lewis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MAKE LOBBYIST EXPENDITURE REPORTS AVAILABLE AND
3 SEARCHABLE ONLINE AND TO REQUIRE LOBBYISTS AND LOBBYIST
4 PRINCIPALS TO PROVIDE INVOICES UPON REQUEST.
5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 120C-405(b) reads as rewritten:
7 "(b) ~~The No later than July 1, 2016, the Secretary of State shall coordinate with the State~~
8 ~~Board of Elections to create~~ implement a searchable Web-based database of reports completed
9 and filed under this Chapter and reports completed and filed under Subchapter VIII of Chapter
10 163 of the General Statutes. The database shall be searchable by the covered person's name as
11 well as the filing entity."
12 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 120C-401(i) reads as rewritten:
13 "(i) Any reportable expenditure promptly paid for at fair market value or promptly
14 returned to a lobbyist or lobbyist principal by a designated individual or a member of the
15 designated individual's immediate family within the reporting period shall not be reported
16 under G.S. 120C-402 or G.S. 120C-403, and if reported, the repayment or return of the
17 expenditure at any time shall be reported by the lobbyist and lobbyist principal on the next
18 report due under this Article. Upon the request of a legislator, a lobbyist or lobbyist principal
19 must provide an invoice or other document indicating the fair market value of the reportable
20 expenditure. The invoice or other document must be provided within 15 days of the legislator
21 making the request."
22 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2015. The Department of the
23 Secretary of State, Division of Lobbying Compliance shall provide a preliminary report to the
24 Joint Commission on Governmental Operations on the implementation of Section 1 of this act
25 by January 1, 2016, and a final report on May 1, 2016.

