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HOUSE BILL DRH10022-TE-1 (01/24)

Short Title: Legislator-Lobbyist Reform Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Stone, Faircloth, Howard, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT BY EXTENDING
3 THE REVOLVING DOOR PERIOD.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 120C-304 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 120C-304. Restrictions.

7 (a) No legislator or former legislator may register as a lobbyist under this Chapter:

8 (1) While in office.

9 (2) Before the later of the close of session as set forth in G.S. 120C-100(a)(4)b.1 in
10 which the legislator served or ~~six months~~ for a period of one year after leaving
11 office.

12 (b) No public servant or former public servant as defined in G.S. 138A-3(30)a. may
13 register as a lobbyist under this Chapter while in office or ~~within six months~~ for a period of one
14 year after leaving office.

15 (c) No public servant or former public servant as defined in G.S. 138A-3(30)c. may
16 register as a lobbyist under this Chapter ~~within six months~~ for a period of one year after separation
17 from employment as a public servant. No other employee of any State agency may register as a
18 lobbyist under this Chapter to lobby the State agency that previously employed the former
19 employee ~~within six months~~ for a period of one year after voluntary separation or separation for
20 cause from that State agency.

21 (d) No individual registered as a lobbyist under this Chapter shall serve as a treasurer as
22 defined in G.S. 163-278.6(19) or an assistant campaign treasurer for a political committee for the
23 election of a member of the General Assembly or a Constitutional officer of the State.

24 (e) A lobbyist shall not be eligible for appointment by a State official to, or service on, any
25 body created under the laws of this State that has regulatory authority over the activities of a
26 person or governmental unit that the lobbyist currently represents or has represented within 120
27 days after the expiration of the lobbyist's registration representing that person or governmental
28 unit. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit appointment by any unit of local government.

29 (f) Any appointment or registration made in violation of this section shall be void."

30 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 2017.

