

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Bill No. 1983, Page 1, in the title, by removing the words "paid political  
2 consultants" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "ethics"; and

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4 Further amend said bill, Page 3, Section 105.453, Line 8, by inserting immediately after said line  
5 the following:

6 "105.493. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Fair Influence in  
7 Government Act".

8 2. No executive or quasi-executive department or state agency shall use any public  
9 resources to pay the costs of employing or contracting for the services of any person who lobbies on  
10 behalf of the executive or quasi-executive department or state agency in an attempt to influence the  
11 passage or defeat of any legislative measure including, but not limited to, measures related to  
12 firearms and gun control.

13 3. No executive or quasi-executive department or state agency shall use any public  
14 resources to pay any membership dues on behalf of the department or agency or any officer or  
15 employee of the department or agency to any organization or association if such dues directly or  
16 indirectly pay all or part of the salary of any person required to register as a lobbyist under this  
17 chapter in an attempt to influence the passage or defeat of any matter pending before a legislative  
18 committee in either chamber of the general assembly or before the general assembly including, but  
19 not limited to, matters related to firearms and gun control.

20 4. Any person who accepts public funds as compensation for lobbying in violation of this  
21 section may be prohibited from registering as a legislative lobbyist for a period not to exceed two  
22 years.

23 5. This section shall not be construed to prohibit, limit, preclude, or deprive any officer or  
24 employee of a department or agency from exercising the department's or agency's individual right to  
25 communicate with members of the general assembly through proper official channels at the request  
26 of a member, or to request legislative action or appropriations that are deemed necessary for the  
27 efficient conduct of public business or actually made in the proper performance of his or her official  
28 duties, including testifying before the general assembly or any committee thereof for informational  
29 purposes.

30 6. Any violation of this section by any executive or quasi-executive department or state  
31 agency that receives state funds shall result in a fine of not less than one thousand dollars but not  
32 more than five thousand dollars. The director or similar chief executive of such state agency shall  
33 be personally liable for such fine."; and

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35 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
36 accordingly.

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