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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; prohibiting sitting legislators from accepting certain
1.3 employment or receiving compensation associated with the work of lobbyists;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[3.0845] LOBBYING ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.8 the meanings given.

1.9 (b) "Lobbyist" means an individual:

1.10 (1) engaged for pay or other consideration of more than \$3,000 from all sources in any
1.11 year for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or administrative action, or the
1.12 official action of a local unit of government, by communicating or urging others to
1.13 communicate with public or local officials; or

1.14 (2) who spends more than \$250, not including the individual's own traveling expenses
1.15 and membership dues, in any year for the purpose of attempting to influence legislative or
1.16 administrative action, or the official action of a local unit of government, by communicating
1.17 or urging others to communicate with public or local officials.

1.18 (c) "Lobbyist principal" means an individual or association that:

1.19 (1) spends more than \$500 in the aggregate in any calendar year to engage a lobbyist,
1.20 compensate a lobbyist, or authorize the expenditure of money by a lobbyist; or

2.1 (2) is not included in clause (1) and spends a total of \$50,000 in any calendar year on
2.2 efforts to influence legislative action, administrative action, or the official action of a local
2.3 unit of government.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Certain activities prohibited.** (a) A sitting member of the legislature must
2.5 not:

2.6 (1) accept employment or otherwise receive compensation for services as a lobbyist; or

2.7 (2) accept employment with or otherwise receive compensation for services from any
2.8 organization required to register as a lobbyist principal under chapter 10A or the applicable
2.9 laws of any other state.

2.10 (b) The prohibitions in this subdivision apply regardless of the location where the work
2.11 of the organization is substantially conducted, or where the organization's lobbyists or clients
2.12 are located.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Legislative rules required.** The house of representatives and the senate must
2.14 adopt rules to enforce this section.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 3, 2023.