
DIGEST

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Abstract: Specifies the types of caucuses and delegations for which an expenditure can be reported by group and event rather than attributable to each individual legislator or specified persons as otherwise required.

Present law (R.S. 24:55) requires each registered lobbyist to report the aggregate total of expenditures attributable to an individual legislator or other public servant in the legislative branch of state government during each reporting period and for the calendar year, including the name of the legislator or other public servant. Further requires the reporting of the aggregate total of expenditures attributable to the spouse or minor child of a legislator during each reporting period and for the calendar year. Present law provides for exceptions.

Present law provides an exception to the individual reporting requirement for an expenditure for a reception, social gathering, or other function to which the entire legislature, either house, any standing committee, select committee, statutory committee, committee created by resolution of either house, subcommittee of any committee, recognized caucus, or any delegation thereof, is invited. Provides that the amount attributable to such invitation shall be reported by including the name of the group or groups invited and the date and location of the reception, social gathering, or other function.

Proposed law retains present law except changes "recognized caucus, or any delegation thereof," to "recognized caucus or delegation of the legislature or either house" and specifies that a recognized caucus or delegation shall only include a legislative caucus or delegation based upon racial or ethnic affinity, gender, geography, or political party affiliation and shall not include a delegation or caucus based upon a special interest or interests.

(Amends R.S. 24:55(E)(1))