

SENATE BILL NO. 25

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 24:56(F), relative to prohibited conduct by state employees and agencies; to prohibit state employees and agencies from contracting for lobbying services; to provide for termination of authority for lobbying services contracts; to provide for the termination of existing lobbying services contracts; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 24:56(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§56. Prohibited conduct

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~~F.(1)~~ No state employee in his official capacity or on behalf of his ~~employer~~ **agency** shall lobby for or against any matter intended to have the effect of law pending before the legislature or any committee thereof. Nothing ~~herein~~ **in this Subsection** shall prohibit the dissemination of factual information relative to any such matter or the use of public meeting rooms or meeting facilities available to all citizens to lobby for or against any such matter.

(2) No state employee in his official capacity or on behalf of his agency shall enter into a contract with a lobbyist or a contract for lobbying services to lobby for or against any matter intended to have the effect of law pending before the legislature or any committee thereof. For purposes of this Paragraph, a contract shall include the following:

(a) An agreement to expend public funds for lobbyist or lobbying services entered into pursuant to the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551 et seq.

(b) A memorandum of understanding, cooperative endeavor agreement, or other similar agreement with a lobbyist or for lobbying services.

